Bromeliads

Today on Gardening in a Minute: bromeliads.

Bromeliads are part of the pineapple family and are native to the American tropics. These plants have a wide variety of sizes, shapes, and foliage colors.

In South and Central Florida, bromeliads do well as landscape plants, while in North Florida they’ll need protection from freezing temperatures.

In nature, Bromeliads growing on trees and rocks are epiphytes, meaning they get the nutrients and water they need from the atmosphere.

Most species of Bromeliads are grown primarily for their colorful foliage and exotic shapes.

Bromeliad flowers are usually small and colorful, but the vibrantly colored and long-lasting bracts that surround them result in attractive floral displays.

Some Bromeliad species grow in full sun; others thrive in deep shade. So there’s surely a place in your home or landscape for one of these easy-to-grow plants.

For more information on bromeliads, contact your county Extension office or visit Gardening in a Minute dot com.

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