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Eucomis autumnalis

[Synonyms : *Eucomis undulata*]

PINEAPPLE LILY is a bulbous perennial. Native to southern Africa (particularly South Africa) it has an often dark-brown-flecked hyacinth-like spike of red-edged, pale greenish-white or olive green maturing to deep green flowers capped by many wavy-edged, leaf-like green bracts.

It is also known as Pineapple flower, and *Umathunga* (Zulu).

The strongly cabbage-smelling flowers begin opening from the base of the spike in mid-Summer.

Autumnalis means ‘of Autumn’ with reference to the time of flowering.

Christopher Mudd found pineapple lily in 1878 and he sent bulbs to Veitch and Sons in England.

Pineapple lily is cultivated as an ornamental plant in Europe.