

# Florida Anise



## *Illicium floridanum*

- **Use:** This rapidly growing, evergreen, Florida native shrub has olive green leaves and reddish-purple, starry, two-inch flowers. The many slender branches of Florida Anise droop to the ground giving a rounded, open canopy in the shade, ideal for natural settings, or in sunny locations it can be pruned into dense hedges or windbreaks.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows well in sun or shade, but thins out in the shade. Prefers rich soil and ample moisture but will easily survive harsher conditions. It is an easy to grow, pest-free shrub. Once established it will need watering only during long periods of drought and pruning once a year to maintain its shrub form.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing 8-10 ft. tall, 5-6' wide or more.
- **Hardiness:** 7b-10 Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. The leaves of Florida Anise give off a distinctive odor when bruised or crushed. It can be pruned and trained into a small, multi-trunked or single-trunked tree.
- **Flower:** The small, somewhat showy, maroon flowers appear in spring and are followed in late summer to fall by star-shaped, many-seeded pods which cling to the stems.



**Will tolerate damp or dry soils and can be turned into a hedge.**