

# Gray Ghost Anise



## *Illicium 'Gray Ghost'*

- **Use:** This selection of our southern native shrub, Florida anise, *Illicium floridanum*, was made by Tommy Dodd of Semmes, AL. It has pewter grey foliage with a fine white margin on each leaf. Surprisingly, the flowers are a pale pink. This plant is much more vigorous than one of Tommy's previous variegated forms, 'Shady Lady.' It is really quite vigorous, considering the amount of variegation. It grows best in filtered sun or part shade.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grows well in partial sun or 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:** It will make a large shrub of up to 6-8'.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. The gray edged in creamy white leaves of Anise give off a distinctive odor when bruised or crushed.
- **Flower:** The fragrant, white flowers are produced abundantly over rich evergreen foliage. You'll enjoy a nice, lighter rebloom in summer.

Will tolerate damp or dry soils and can be

turned into a hedge.

