

Aztec Fire Anise



Illicium floridanum 'Aztec Fire'

- **Use:** Mexcian Anise-tree 'Aztec Fire' is a pyramidal evergreen shrub with handsome dark glossy green foliage. This landscape gem is a first cousin to the more commonly known Florida anise. Unique to this cultivar, it produces burgundy-colored flowers. best used in a large shrub border. Plants also will fit nicely into a naturalized landscape planting. Consider this showstopper for your home landscape.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Will grow in full sun but really thrives in partial shade. One interesting note: anise shrubs grown in full sun will possess lighter green foliage than those grown in partial shade. It needs wet or constantly moist soil to thrive. Best of all, it has a natural pyramidal growth habit. 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:** Give this native plenty of room to grow. Typically, this shrub will reach a height of 8 feet and a width of 6 feet.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b; 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:** Two inch across fragrant, showy dark burgundy colored flowers bloom from spring through fall.

Will tolerate damp or dry soils and can be turned in to a hedge.

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