BananAppeal® Anise

Illicium parviflorum 'PIIIP-I'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ◐ ●

Hardiness Zone: 7

Other Names: Star Anise, Yellow Anise

Description:

Glossy golden yellow evergreen foliage smells like licorice when crushed; keeps a nice mounded form and leaves hold color through winter; great for foundations, mixed borders, and containers; prefers partial shade with adequate moisture



BananAppeal Anise foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

BananAppeal Anise is primarily valued in the landscape or garden for its ornamental upright and spreading habit of growth. It has attractive gold foliage with hints of lime green which emerges yellow in spring. The fragrant narrow leaves are highly ornamental and remain gold throughout the winter.



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Landscape Attributes

BananAppeal Anise is a dense multi-stemmed evergreen shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

BananAppeal Anise is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

BananAppeal Anise will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to be a little leggy, with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub does best in partial shade to full shade. Keep it well away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for sandy, acidic soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone over the growing season to conserve soil moisture. This is a selection of a native North American species, and parts of it are known to be toxic to humans and animals, so care should be exercised in planting it around children and pets.

BananAppeal Anise makes a fine choice for the outdoor landscape, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.