

Banan Appeal Small Anise (*Illicium parviflorum*)

This small anise plant is a compact evergreen shrub, noted for its wonderful golden yellow foliage of elliptical leaves. These golden yellow leaves stand out in the shade. When the foliage is crushed or bruised, it can exude an aroma like licorice. Unlike other plants of the same species, it does not send out suckers or long gangly shoots. It does well in wet and shady area and can grow up to 3-4 feet tall.



Plant Care: The Banan Appeal anise is generally disease and pest free. It grows easily in shady areas and likes moist soil with some clay, loam, and sand. Propagation is accomplished by using semi-ripe cuttings in the summer. Both the foliage and the fruit are poisonous to livestock – deer will not bother it.

Watering: Water needs are average. The soil should be kept moist but well-drained.

References:

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