

Purple Glaze® Japanese Anise



Illicium anisatum 'Murasake no Sato'

- **Use:** This shrub has aromatic foliage which smells similar to anise. A native to the South Eastern portion of the country and is more tolerant of sun and dry soil than other *Illiciums* but it can also tolerate damp soils.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers part sun to shade. Keep surface of soil moist, but not soggy. Provide humus-rich, moist, but well-drained soil for best performance.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing 8-10' tall, 3-4' wide or more. (Could be 15' over many years if never pruned.)
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. glossy deep burgundy new growth which hardens off to green. Each succeeding flush of growth through the summer will be just as intense, a deep glossy burgundy. This species of Anise shrub plays a large role in Japanese religious ceremonies. It is burned as incense in Japan, where it is known as "shikimi." The parts of the plant itself are very toxic and should not be used in tea or any other brew which will be taken internally.
- **Flower:** The flowers are the same ivory-white of the species with up to 30 petals each, and they begin to open here in March, or earlier during mild winters. Seeds are an unusual geometric shape, but are also poisonous.

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

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