

Chimonanthus praecox

(Japanese Allspice, Wintersweet)

Chimonanthus praecox is a deciduous shrub native to China. It has some fragrant flowers of winter interest that bloom on leafless branches. Flowers have yellow showy petals with a purplish-brown center. Leaves are rough and glossy and emerge in spring after flowers bloom to then turn yellow in fall. Flowers are edible.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Chimonanthe précoce

Pronounciation: kye-mun-AN-thus PREE-kocks

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: China

Heat Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9

Uses: Specimen, Border Plant, Edible

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Upright

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 3 to 5 m

Spread at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 meters

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

- Leaf Arrangement: Opposite
- Leaf Persistence: Deciduous
- Leaf Type: Simple
- Leaf Blade: 10 - 20
- Leaf Shape: Ovate
- Leaf Margins: Entire
- Leaf Textures: Glossy, Coarse
- Leaf Scent:
- Color(growing season): Green
- Color(changing season): Green, Yellow

Flower

- Flower Showiness: True
- Flower Size Range: 1.5 - 3
- Flower Sexuality: Diecious (Monosexual)
- Flower Scent: Pleasant
- Flower Color: Yellow, Red
- Seasons: Spring, Winter

Trunk

- Trunk Has Crownshaft: False
- Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked
- Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

- Fruit Type: Capsule
- Fruit Showiness: False
- Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7
- Fruit Colors: Grey
- Seasons: Spring, Winter

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Edible Parts: Flower

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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