

Calycanthus floridus

(Carolina allspice, Common Sweetshrub)

Calycanthus floridus, is a dense, rounded deciduous shrub. Features very fragrant, brown to reddish-brown flowers which bloom at the ends of short branchlets in May. Flowers give way to brownish, urn-shaped fruits (seed capsules) which mature in fall and persist throughout the winter. Lustrous, dark green (pale beneath), ovate to elliptic leaves to 6" long turn golden yellow in fall. Leaves are aromatic when bruised. Best to purchase this plant when in flower because the quality and intensity of the fragrance can vary widely from plant to plant.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

Pronunciation: kal-i-kan'thuss flor'i-duss
Plant Type: Shrub
Origin: Southeastern United States
Heat Zones: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Hardiness Zones: 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9
Uses: Hedge, Specimen, Border Plant, Mass Planting, Windbreak, Pollution Tolerant / Urban
Size/Shape
Tree Shape: Round
Canopy Density: Dense
Height at Maturity: 1.5 to 3 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 Blade: 10 - 20

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Hairy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: Pleasant

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Flower

Flower Showiness: True

Flower Size Range: 3 - 7

Flower Scent: Pleasant

Flower Color: Red

Seasons: Spring, Summer

Trunk

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Smooth

Fruit

Fruit Type: Capsule

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7, 7 - 10

Seasons: Spring, Summer

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

- Frost Tolerant: Yes
- Heat Tolerant: No
- Drought Tolerant: No
- Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

- Soil Requirements:
- Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline
- Water Requirements: Moderate
- Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

- Edible Parts: None
- Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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