PLANT FACT SHEET

Illicium parviflorum Michx. ex Vent.

GENUS *Illicium* **FAMILY** Schisandraceae

COMMON NAMES Yellow star anise

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit - spice, Seeds - spice

Caution: In large amounts it is probably poisonous.

DESCRIPTION

An evergreen shrub. It keeps growing from year to year. It grows 6 m tall. The leaves are alternate and narrowly oval. They have an aroma when crushed. They are shiny above and dull underneath. The flowers are small and bell shaped and 1-2 cm across. The fruit is a star shaped capsule 2.5 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in wetlands and sandy acidic soils. It needs moisture and full sun.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds and cuttings.

NOTES

Also put in the family Illiciaceae.

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