

FGCU Food Forest

Plant Database

Allspice (*Calycanthus floridus*)

Origin: Southeastern North America.

Description: Allspice, or Sweetshrub,

a fragrance similar to strawberries.

Uses: Aromatic scent; espalier;

Harvest: Year round.

Flower: Spring to Summer flowering;

Tolerance: Moderate drought tolerance; poor salt tolerance; grows in wide variety of soils.



General Description: Allspice, also known as Sweetshrub, Strawberry Bush, and Carolina Allspice, is a pleasant-smelling shrub native to Southeastern North America. Allspice can be found in USDA zone 5B through 10A, and is known to be tolerant of a wide variety of soils and environments. Allspice can reach a height of 10 feet and a spread of up to 12 feet at full maturity.

- **Native Origin:** Southeastern North America.
- **General History:** Allspice has been used as an ornamental for many years, either as a shrub or privacy screen. Although considered endangered in Florida, it is quite common in other southeastern states, and is hardly affected by any pest or disease.
- **Distribution:** Zone 5B-10A; native to Southeastern North America.
- **Season of Harvest:** Year round.
- **Culinary Uses:** None; leaves and fruits used in potpourris and aromatic air fresheners.

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Scientific Classification

Kingdom: Plantae

(unranked): Angiosperms

(unranked): Magnoliids

Order: Laurales

Family: Calycanthaceae

Genus: Calycanthus

Species: ***C. floridus***

Sources

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