



FYN Garden Q & A Series

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FYN Topic: Allspice Grows Well in SW Florida

Question: Will an Allspice tree grow well in Southern Florida? Carmen, Ft. Myers

Answer: Allspice is the dried unripe fruit (berries) of the *Pimenta dioica*. It is a slow-growing aromatic tree native to Central America. In southwest Florida, it is a small tree growing to a height of 15' and width of 10-15' in about 10 years. Berries are produced at about seven years old or earlier on female trees. Male trees may not produce berries or the essential oils in their leaves. Plant it in sun or part shade. The deep green foliage this tree produces is beautiful and gives a rich feel to any home landscape.



Useful Links

<http://www.floridayards.org>
<http://fyn.ifas.ufl.edu>
<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/>
<http://lee.ifas.ufl.edu/FYN/FYNHome.shtml>
<http://gardeningolutions.ifas.ufl.edu>

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