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## *Canella winterana*

Wild-Cinnamon, Cinnamon-Bark, Canella, Barbascio

## Cannaceae

Flower Display: D



Duval Street, Key West, Florida

Mid June

Although not a spectacular or even an average bloomer, *C. winterana* has sufficiently good attributes to make it an excellent choice for tight spaces and difficult situations. It is a beautiful, small, low maintenance tree. Dark green, leathery leaves are clustered at the end of branches. A straight trunk supports a neat, well-kept canopy. Narrow and open when young, the crown becomes dense and broad with age. The thin bark is sometimes fissured. A natural of rocky, dry, coastal areas, *C. winterana* is suitable for soils with similarly high pH, and good percolation. It requires little or no pruning and once established it is extremely drought tolerant. Nevertheless, irrigation in the dry season, and light fertilization in

**Incorrect:** *C. alba*, *Laurus winterana*  
**Origin:** Florida Keys, Bahamas, Caribbean  
**Zone:** 9b—12 b, 26°F minimum  
**Growth Rate:** Slow  
**Flowering Month(s):** May—September  
**Flowering Days:** Not known  
**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen  
**Messiness:** Low  
**Salt Tolerance:** High  
**Drought Tolerance:** High  
**Nutritional Requirements:** Low  
**Typical Dimension:** 18' x 15'  
**Uses:** Garden, Patio, Poolside, Seaside, Streetscape



**Leaves:** Simple, entire, alternate, obovate, rounded at the apex, glossy above, dull below, to 5 inches long, and 1 ½ wide. Aromatic  
**Flowers:** Small, fragrant, dark red with purple tinged, ¼ inch long and wide, held in terminal corymbs that are about 1 inch long and wide  
**Fruits:** Berries, fleshy, red to purple-black, about 3/8 inches in diameter

the spring and summer, produces a faster growing tree. *C. winterana* flowers and fruits are attractive and intriguing, but they are not large enough to be noticed unless one is relatively close to the tree. The flowers are small, lightly fragrant and very rich in nectar. The berries rival the flowers in attractiveness and put on a second show. Propagate *C. winterana* from seeds. Volunteer seedlings establish themselves beneath the parent tree. Plant it in full sun to broken light. *C. winterana* is hard to find but highly recommended.

Tropical Flowering Trees List  
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