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Illicium floridanum

[Synonyms : *Badianifera floridana*, *Illicium mexicanum*]

PURPLE ANISE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to south-eastern North America (particularly Florida), it has nodding maroon-purple flowers that have a spicy, decaying-fish like smell.

It is also known as Aniseed tree, Anise tree, Florida aniseed, Florida anisetree, Poison bay, Poison bay tree, Polecat tree, Purple-anis, Stink bush, and Tree anise.

Warning – the leaves and the fruit are poisonous for some animals eg. cattle.

Floridanum means ‘of or from Florida, USA’.