



FINGER LIME

(Microcitrus Australasica)

Origin and Conditions for Growing

- Found in South East Queensland and northern parts of New South Wales on a wide range of soils
- Grafted finger limes begin fruiting around the 3rd year, however, large quantities of fruit aren't generally present until the 6th year
- Seedlings can take up to 15 years to produce fruit
- Responds well to regular water exposure and small trimming
- Harvest period Summer-Autumn



Characteristics

- Small shrubby tree 3-10m in height depending on growing conditions
- Can be grown as a pot plant if required or planted into the ground
- Fruit is the shape of a small sausage and the skin has the texture of a lemon or lime
- Different species produce different colours of finger limes – pink, green and yellow

Edible Portion

- Cut off a tip of the finger lime and squeeze out small citrus balls. They look similar to caviar
- The skin (outside) can be used as rind/zest and added to baked goods or salads etc.

Nutrition

High in vitamin C, high water content and high potassium.

Uses – Traditional and Current

Both traditionally and currently, the finger lime is eaten fresh and added as a fresh citrus to drinks and meals for flavouring.



Where to Buy

- Often can be sourced by green grocers upon request
- Frozen from online suppliers
- Can purchase as a plant from nurseries

