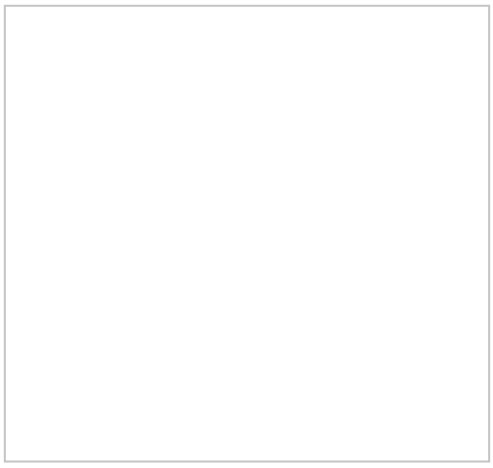
The kaffir lime



Citrus hystrix, called the kaffir lime or Mauritius papeda, is a citrus fruit native to tropical Southeast Asia and southern China.
Its fruit and leaves are used in Southeast Asian cuisine and its essential oil is used in perfumery. Its rind and crushed leaves emit an intense citrus fragrance. The etymology of the name "kaffir lime" is uncertain. The Arabic word for non-Muslims is kafir, in South Africa, "kaffir" is an ethnic slur for black African people.A name less well established in English, while in South Africa it is usually simply referred to as Thai lime ,ï therefore we consider its use on the discriminatory site.
C. hystrix is a thorny bush, 2 to 11 metres (6 to 35 ft) tall, with aromatic and distinctively shaped "double" leaves. These hourglass-shaped leaves comprise the leaf blade plus a flattened, leaf-like stalk (or petiole). The fruit is rough and green, and ripens to yellow; it is distinguished by its bumpy exterior and its small size, approximately 4 cm (2 in) wide.
The leaves are the most frequently used part of the plant, fresh, dried, or frozen. The leaves are widely used inïThai.ï*C. hystrix*ï is grown worldwide in suitable climates as a garden shrub for home fruit production. It is well suited toïcontainer gardensï and for largeïgarden potsï onïpatios,ïterraces , and in conservatories.

Category: Citrus
Families: Rutaceae
Genus: Citrus
Species: hystrix
Geographical Area of Origin: South-East Asia
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Gennaio / Febbraio / Marzo / Settembre / Ottobre / Novembre / Dicembre
Flower: Corymb

Colore Fiori: Bianco
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Medium
Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Espalier / Inverted cone / Tree / Grown as shrub / bush
Colore Frutti: Verde ï Giallo
Parfumed: yes