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<b>Botanical Name:</b>	Citrus hystrix
<b>Common Names:</b>	Kaffir Lime,
<b>Native:</b>	No
<b>Foliage Type:</b>	Evergreen
<b>Plant Type:</b>	Citrus & Fruit, Shrubs
<b>Plant Habit:</b>	Rounded, Upright

### Description:

Kaffir Limes are grown mainly for its aromatic double-lobed leaves used predominantly in Thai, and other Asian cooking. The small fruit is knobby, has little juice and not edible – but its oil has strong insecticidal properties. To increase foliage growth, remove fruit from tree. Great in pots / containers. Also available as a espalier.

<b>Mature Height:</b>	2-4m	<b>Position:</b>	Full Sun
<b>Mature Width:</b>	1-2m	<b>Soil Type:</b>	Well Drained

**Landscape Use(s):** Balcony / Roof, Courtyard, Edible Garden, Foliage Feature / Colour, Park And Gardens, Topiary / Espalier, Tropical Garden, Container / Pot

### Pest & Diseases:

Ants, Fruit Fly, Generally trouble free, Mites, Scale, Sooty Mould, Thrips, Yellow Leaves

### Cultural Notes:

Protect your citrus from frost and hot dry winds, especially while young. Citrus are not deep rooted and therefore do require regular deep watering in the warmer months and whilst fruiting. It is always advisable to water citrus well when they are setting fruit and throughout the fruit growing and ripening stages. If plants dry out it often results in fruit drop and the citrus is less juicy and thick skinned. Citrus love food, a variety of different fertilisers can be used including organic manures (cow, horse or chicken) or the popular inorganic fertilisers. Citrus should be fed 3-4 times per year and if growing in pots/containers it is often recommended to feed your citrus every 6-8 weeks.

### Plant Care:

Annual slow release fertiliser, Keep moist during dry periods, Liquid feed

<b>Family Name:</b>	Rutaceae
<b>Origin:</b>	Asia
<b>Characteristics:</b>	
<b>Foliage Colours:</b>	Green
<b>Flower Colours:</b>	White, Yellow
<b>Flower Fragrant:</b>	No
<b>Flowering Season:</b>	Spring
<b>Fruit:</b>	Yes
<b>Requirements:</b>	
<b>Growth Rate:</b>	Moderate
<b>Maintenance Level:</b>	Medium
<b>Water Usage:</b>	Medium / Moderate
<b>Tolerances:</b>	
<b>Drought:</b>	Low, Medium / Moderate
<b>Frost:</b>	Moderate, Tender
<b>Wind:</b>	Moderate, Tender

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