

Annatto, Bixa Orellana, Shendri, Sindur (Orange Color) - Plant



Achiote (*Bixa orellana*) is a shrub or small tree originating from the tropical region of the Americas. North, Central and South American natives originally used the seeds to make red body paint and lipstick, as well as a spice. For this reason, the achiote is sometimes called the lipstick tree.

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Description

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Annatto is native to South America, and is currently mostly in use as a flavouring and food colouring in Central and Northern South America. In the Caribbean, the seeds are usually fried in (animal or vegetable) fat; after discarding the seeds, the then golden-yellow fat is used to fry vegetables or meat.

Common name	Flower colours	Bloom time	Height	Difficulty
Annatto, Bixa Orellana, Shendri, Sindur (Orange Color), Achiote, anato, annatto .	Orange	Late summer, Early fall, Mid fall, Late fall, Early winter.	0.5 to 3ft.	Easy to grow

Planting and care

Growing plants can be inexpensive, particularly when growing them from seed. Seeds of plants flowers should usually be sown directly into the sunny flower bed, as developing roots do not like to be disturbed.

Sunlight	Soil	Water	Temperature	Fertilizer
Full Sun to Partial Shade	Well-drained soil	Medium	55°F (13°C).	Apply any organic fertilizer

Caring for Annatto

- Deadhead to prolong flowering.
- Maintain moderate soil moisture and fertilize lightly.
- Zinnias will die with the first frost.

Typical uses of Annatto

Special features: It is also grown in other tropical or subtropical regions of the world, including Central America, Africa and Asia. The heart-shaped fruit are brown or reddish brown at maturity, and are covered with short, stiff hairs.

Ornamental use: The plant is used for ornamental purpose.

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