



Finger Lime

Australian finger lime is a thorny variety related to the citrus family, flowering from March to July. It likes well drained soil in full sun. Remove dead wood regularly and clear the inside branches to let light penetrate to the centre. Water up to twice a week. After 3-5 years, young trees will start bearing flowers. Harvest season is usually from November to March. Depending on growing conditions, it can take up to 10 months for a finger lime fruit to ripen. Wait for the fruits to easily break off the branch with a light twist. Fruit will not mature when separated from the tree. When ripe, each finger lime fruit contains hundreds of kernel sized crystals. It can be used as a topping for salads, and is excellent paired with seafood or chicken.

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