Brown River finger lime



*Citrus wintersii (=Microcitrus papuana)*ï, theï Brown River finger lime, is a shrub native to the Brown River region in Papua-New Guinea.ï It was previously known as *Microcitrus papuana*.ï It has, as the "finger" name suggests, a small, thin fruit, pointed at both ends.ï It grows nearï Port Moresby.
A curious citrus-like shrub, 1m - 2.4 m tall, growing naturally in the transition area between eucalyptus savanna and tropical rain forest at the Forestry Station, Brown River, Central District, Papua New Guinea.
Leaves very variable on individual plants. 15mm to 28mm long, 2mm to 6mm wide, medium to dark green.
Fruits cylindric, slightly curved, abruptly beaked at apex and abruptly narrowed at base, 5-8 cm long, 1.0-1.3 cm thick at broadest part, green to yellow at full maturity, 3-5-celled, each cell usually containing 5 seeds.
Fruits with strong odor of limes when crushed.
Branchlets when young are minutely pubescent and angular.

Category: Citrus
Families: Rutaceae
Genus: Citrus
Species: wintersii
Geographical Area of Origin: Oceania
Climatic Zones: Sub-tropical, USDA 10 b (Southern Italy and islands)
Habit: Shrub
Leaves: Evergreen
Colore Foglie: Verde
Flowering Period: Aprile / Maggio / Giugno / Luglio / Agosto / Settembre / Ottobre / Novembre / Dicembre
Flower: Raceme
Colore Fiori: Bianco
Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil
Water needs: Low / little water / Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun
Form: Tree
Fruiting Period: Maggio / Aprile / Marzo / Febbraio
Colore Frutti: Giallo ï Verde
Parfumed: yes