

Ficus microcarpa var. Green Island

(Dwarf Ficus)

The plant is delivered from F. microcarpa which is a large tree but this variety became a small slow growing shrub. It has a dense covering with a rounded format. The advantage of this species is that it does not have any aggressive root system like to other Ficuses. It has an oblong leathery leaf less than 5 cm. Take well shaded locations, can be planted under trees, but does best on partial or full sun. Green Island Ficus can grow on any soil type, once its established does not require too much water. Drought and high salt tolerant. The plant has a slow growth rate therefore needs only maintenance pruning.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: -

Pronunciation: FY-kus my-kro-KAR-puh

Plant Type: Shrub

Origin: Taiwan

Heat Zones: 9, 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 9, 10, 11

Uses: Hedge, Espalier, Indoor, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Symmetrical

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Fine

Height at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 m

Spread at Maturity: 0.5 to 1 meter

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Leaf Image

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Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Leathery

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 0 - 1.5

Fruit Colors: Brown

Seasons: Year Round

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Bark Image

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Plant Propagations: Cutting

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