

Ficus lyrata

(Fiddleleaf Fig)

Fiddleleaf figs is a large evergreen tree native to parts of western and central Africa. It is very often grown as a houseplant as it can withstand low light level. Ficus lyrata has a large large, thick, glossy green fiddle or lyre-shaped leaves. In warm locations, fiddleleaf fig tree becomes a large, spreading tree with aerial roots which quickly become small trunks and it will grow into a large shade tree. Inside it can remain as a manageable container size plant. Place fiddleleaf figs in areas of medium light inside and at least partial sun outdoors. Water only when dry. The roots of this fig tree species aren't as aggressive as other tropical figs.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Figuier lyre

Pronunciation: FYE-kuss lye-RAY-tuh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Tropical W & C Africa

Heat Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Bonsai, Espalier, Specimen, Indoor, Container, Shade, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Moderate

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 8 to 10 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 20 - 30

Leaf Shape: Obovate

Leaf Margins: Undulate, Entire

Leaf Textures: Glossy, Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Green

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements:

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

Management

Invasive Potential: No

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: Yes

Pruning Requirement: Needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: Yes

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: 25-50 years

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Mites, Scales, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering
