

## 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

## Ficus lyrata

(Fiddleleaf Fig)



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

---

## Ficus lyrata

(Fiddleleaf Fig)



Plant Image

---

### 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

---