

## Ficus benghalensis

### (Indian banyan, Banyan tree)

Very large, fast growing, evergreen tree up to 30 meters, with spreading branches and many aerial roots. The fig "fruit" is actually a rounded fruit with hundreds of small fleshy flowers inside. The figs are pollinated by a tiny specialized wasp . Due to its large shape it makes a perfect shade tree and a fun place for children to play inside the arial roots.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Figuier des Banyans, Banian ou Banyan

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** India, Sri Lanka, Pakistan

**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11, 12, 13

**Uses:** Specimen, Shade

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Irregular

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** Over 23

**Spread at Maturity:** Over 15 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

#### Notes

The foliage and milky sap of all figs can sometimes be an irritant to skin and eyes for especially sensitive people, but most people are not effected

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Leaf Image

### Botanical Description

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#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Leathery, Glossy, Coarse

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Diseases:** Root rot

**Edible Parts:** None

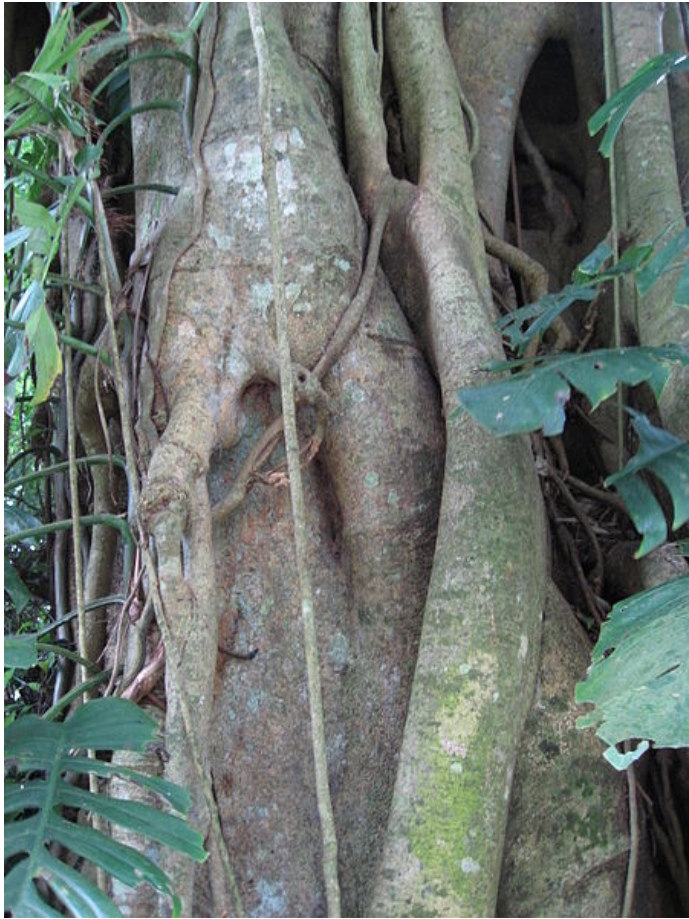
**Pests:** Mites, Thrips, Scales, Mealy-Bug

**Plant Propagations:**

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