

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

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

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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