

## Ficus elastica

### (Rubber Tree)

Rubber tree is a large evergreen tree with glossy leaves and spreading irregular canopy. Its coarse texture makes a strong statement in the landscape



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

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**Pronunciation:** FYE-kuss ee-LASS-tick-uh

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**Plant Type:** Tree

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**Origin:** Southeastern Asia, India, Nepal

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**Heat Zones:** 10, 11, 12

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**Hardiness Zones:** 10, 11

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**Uses:** Specimen, Shade, Wildlife

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#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Round

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Coarse

**Height at Maturity:** 15 to 23 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 10 to 15 meters

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

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#### Notes

Eliminate multiple trunks early in the life of the tree and prune lateral branches so they remain smaller than half the diameter of the trunk to increase longevity in the landscape. It grows quickly in sun or partial shade. For the proper growth they will need to have a period of drought. It can be grown as an indoor plant.

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Leaf Image

## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Brachidodrome

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 10 - 20

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Seasons:** Year Round

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### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Suspected to breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Rough Texture

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Drupe

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red

**Seasons:** Year Round

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Fruit Image

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### Horticulture Management

#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

**Water Requirements:** Moderate, Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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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:** No

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Diseases:** Powdery Mildew

**Edible Parts:** None

**Pests:** Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting

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