

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

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

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Southeastern Asia, India, Nepal

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Wildlife

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

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

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

Flower

Seasons: Year Round

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Rough Texture

Fruit

Fruit Type: Drupe

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Red

Seasons: Year Round

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate, Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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