

## Ficus benjamina

### (Weeping Fig, Benjamin Fig)

Weeping fig is a large evergreen tree that can also be grown as a shrub or houseplant. It has glossy, attractive leaves. It can grow in full sun or shade on well-drained soil, but is susceptible to frost. In warm climates it can become invasive, with ground roots lifting pavement and aerial roots forming strong trunks. Therefore pruning is necessary. The fruit can also stain surfaces it comes into contact with.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Figuier pleureur

**Pronunciation:** FYE-kuss ben-juh-MYE-nuh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** South and southeastern Asia to northern Australia

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

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

**Uses:** Screen, Hedge, Topiary, Bonsai, Espalier, Indoor, Container, Shade, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** Round, Spreading, Weeping

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Fine

**Height at Maturity:** 8 to 15 m, 15 to 23 m

**Spread at Maturity:** Over 15 meters

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

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Flower 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:** Ovate

**Leaf Margins:** Undulate, Entire, Terminal Spine

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** No Fragrance

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### Trunk

**Trunk Has Crownshaft:** False

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Single Trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy, Smooth

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Fleshy

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5

**Fruit Colors:** Orange, Red, Black

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Leaf Image

### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Moderate

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Sand

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

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part, Shade

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#### Management

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**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:** Wilts

**Edible Parts:** None

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

**Plant Propagations:** Seed, Cutting, Layering

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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