

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

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

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Flower Sexuality: Monoecious (Bisexual)

Flower Scent: No Fragrance

Trunk

Trunk Has Crownshaft: False

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked, Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy, Smooth

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

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part, Shade

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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