

## Ficus nitida

### (Cuban Laurel)

Ficus nitida or F. microcarpa 'Nitida' is an evergreen broadleaf fig from East Asia. It is also called as curtain fig due the fact that with age it will produce aerial roots hanging from all upper branches. Usually they are pruned off. The flower is hidden in the future fig fruit which will turn pink, red and later black. Very messy when it droops all the fruit. It has also a very aggressive root system which can break easily sidewalks. The tree does well in full sun and very resistant to drought, salt and urban pollution. Once its planted as a street tree it needs continues maintenance and pruning. Listed as invasive species in many countries.



Plant Image

### Landscape Information

**Arabic Name:** فيكوس ميكروكارپ

**Plant Type:** Tree

**Origin:** East Asia, Australia, and the South Pacific

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

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

**Uses:** Hedge, Specimen, Shade, Street, Pollution Tolerant / Urban

### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Fast

**Tree Shape:** Spreading

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Dense

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** Over 23

**Spread at Maturity:** Over 15 meters

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

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Flower Image

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## Botanical Description

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### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** Less than 5

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Entire

**Leaf Textures:** Glossy, Medium

**Leaf Scent:** No Fragrance

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** False

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### Trunk

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked, Can be trained to one trunk

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Showy

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### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Berry

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 1.5 - 3

**Fruit Colors:** Red, Black

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** Yes

**Salt Tolerance:** Good

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic, Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Low

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** Yes

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Little needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** Yes

**Surface Rooting:** Yes

**Life Span:** More than 50

**Edible Parts:** None

**Plant Propagations:**

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



Other Image