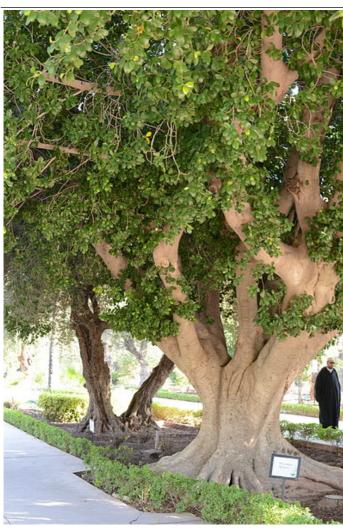
Ficus nitida

(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. Ones its planted as a street tree it needs continues maintenance and pruning. Listed as invasive species in many countries.



Landscape Information

فیکوس میکروکارپ: Arabic Name

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

Plant Image

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate Leaf Venation: Pinnate Leaf Persistance: Evergreen Leaf Type: Simple Leaf Blade: Less than 5 Leaf Shape: Oval Leaf Margins: Entire Leaf Textures: Glossy, Medium Leaf Scent: No Fragance Color(growing season): Green Color(changing season): Green

Flower

Flower Showiness: False

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

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

Trunk Esthetic Values: Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Berry Fruit Showiness: True Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3 Fruit Colors: Red, Black

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No Heat Tolerant: Yes Drought Tolerant: Yes Salt Tolerance: Good

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral Water Requirements: Low Light Requirements: Full, Part

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:

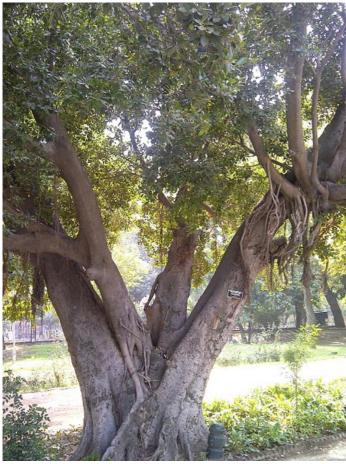
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