

Ficus pumila

(Creeping fig)

Self climbing fig that attaches itself to the walls with arial rootlets. Once its established the plants start developing woody horizontal branches and bearing fruit. Young leaves are small deep green while mature foliage much longer and more leathery. Do not plant near wooden structures as these surfaces are damaged by the adhesive produced by the vine. Consider this a high maintenance plant when grown on structures as pruning will be required several times a year to remove growth from windows, roofs, etc. as the vine relentlessly endeavors to coat everything it encounters in a green blanket



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Figuier nain rampant

Pronunciation: FYE-cuss PEW-mill-a

Plant Type: Vine

Origin: eastern asia, Japan, China

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

Hardiness Zones: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Indoor, Container, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Dense

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 3 to 5 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 5 to 10 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: Less than 5

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Green

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Neutral

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Part, Shade

Management

Toxity: Yes

Invasive Potential: Yes

Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases: No

Pruning Requirement: Little needed, to develop a strong structure

Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter: No

Surface Rooting: No

Life Span: Less than 25

Diseases: Powdery Mildew

Edible Parts: None

Pests: Scales, Mealy-Bug

Plant Propagations: Cutting, Layering
