

## 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

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**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

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**Trunk**

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

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Not Showy

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**Fruit**

**Fruit Showiness:** True

**Fruit Size Range:** 3 - 7

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**Horticulture Management**

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**Tolerance**

**Frost Tolerant:** Yes

**Heat Tolerant:** Yes

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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**Requirements**

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

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Neutral

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Part, Shade

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**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

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