

Ficus sycomorus

(Fig-mulberry, Sycamore Fig)

Sycamore tree is considered as the 'tree of life' due to the fruit production plus the timber made out of its wood. Its a semi evergreen tree with a spreading canopy. The leaves are broad, oval. The newly emerged leaves are reddish. The fruit covers the the trunk and inner limbs. Plant this tree on a wide space with plenty of sunshine. In subtropical regions where the pollinating wasp is absent, fruiting may never occur. Use sycamore fig as a spectacular specimen tree in a park or estate garden.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Le sycomore, figuier sycomore

Pronunciation: FY-kus sik-oh-MOR-us

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: Madagascar, Easter/ Western Africa,

Heat Zones: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Specimen, Shade, Edible, Wildlife

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Spreading

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 15 to 23 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 20 to 50 Years

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Flower Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Brachidodrome

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Ovate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Suspected to breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Fissured

Fruit

Fruit Showiness: True

Fruit Size Range: 3 - 7

Fruit Colors: Red, Purple

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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: Yes

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full

Management

Invasive Potential: No

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

Edible Parts: Fruit

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting

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