

Ficus religiosa

(Secret fig)

Secret fig is a large tree can grow 15-20 m in height. The leaves are semi-evergreen meaning that during drought period might loses the leaves. After 2-3 weeks the new leaves will form within a month the tree is covered again with full canopy. The leaves are cordate with a long tip. The flowers are inside the fig (fruit) cannot be seen unless the fig is opened.



Plant Image

Landscape Information

French Name: Figuier des Pagodes, Arbre pagode

Pronunciation: FYE-kuss ree-lij-ee-OH-suh

Plant Type: Tree

Origin: India, South West China

Heat Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16

Hardiness Zones: 10, 11, 12, 13

Uses: Bonsai, Specimen, Shade

Size/Shape

Growth Rate: Fast

Tree Shape: Round

Canopy Symmetry: Irregular

Canopy Density: Medium

Canopy Texture: Coarse

Height at Maturity: 8 to 15 m

Spread at Maturity: 10 to 15 meters

Time to Ultimate Height: 10 to 20 Years

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Leaf Image

Botanical Description

Foliage

Leaf Arrangement: Alternate

Leaf Venation: Pinnate

Leaf Persistence: Semi Evergreen

Leaf Type: Simple

Leaf Blade: 5 - 10 cm

Leaf Shape: Cordate

Leaf Margins: Entire

Leaf Textures: Coarse

Leaf Scent: No Fragrance

Color(growing season): Green

Color(changing season): Yellow

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Single Trunk

Trunk Esthetic Values: Not Showy

Fruit

Fruit Type: Fleshy

Fruit Showiness: False

Fruit Size Range: 1.5 - 3

Fruit Colors: Brown

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Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: Yes

Drought Tolerant: Yes

Salt Tolerance: Moderate

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic, Neutral, Alkaline

Water Requirements: Low

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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: None

Plant Propagations: Seed, Cutting, Layering

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