

Botanical Name: Ficus macrophylla

Common Name: Moreton Bay Fig

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, single-trunked tree, with widespreading branches forming a potentially massive-sized rounded canopy; develops a very extensive shallow aggressive root system

Height 30-70' (100') Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil prefers well-draining loam; tolerates most

Hardiness some frost (zones 17, 19-24); thrives in warm coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic, 6-12" long, 4-6" wide, glossy, dark green, leathery; somewhat aristate apex

Flowers inconspicuous, greenish, in small axillary clusters

Fruit a synconium: greenish-tan, round, 1/2" diam; usually 2

Propagation: semihardwood cuttings or seed

Usage: a huge accent tree, prized for dramatic branching structure and overall form; a massive shade tree, suitable only for large-scale landscape

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred; tolerates heavy watering, somewhat drought-tolerant

Fertilizing as needed; add iron to correct chlorosis

Pruning head high and develop primary scaffold structure; thin

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: India Family: Moraceae