

Botanical Name: Ficus elastica

Common Name: Rubber Plant, India Rubber Plant

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a vigorously growing, upright, mostly single-trunked plant,
with ascending and spreading branches forming a potentially very large canopy

Height 20-40' Spread 3/4 to equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun preferred; can tolerate shade

Soil thrives in most except alkaline desert soils

Hardiness some frost (zones 19-24); grows best near the coast

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic or oblong; 8-12" long,
bright green, with small aristate apex; leaves leathery and very glossy

Flowers inconspicuous, green, in pairs along leaf axis

Fruit a small synconium: oval, 1/2" wide, green-yellow when ripe

Propagation: seed or semihardwood cuttings

Usage: a potentially very large shade tree, valued for the large
glossy tropical-effect foliage; has extremely aggressive, shallow root system;
unpruned may become very bushy in form

Landscape Care:

Watering regular to heavy watering is preferred

Fertilizing little needed after established

Pruning head high and develop widespreading scaffold structure

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: India Family: Moraceae