

Botanical Name: Ficus lyrata (F. pandurata)

Common Name: Fiddle-leaf fig

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape irregular, upright tree -- usually with twisted branches;
large tropical leaves

Height 8-15' (to 30') Spread 6-10' Growth Rate mod. to rapid

Environment:

Exposure in/out moderate to low light indoors; protected area outdoors

Soil peat-based potting soil -- well drained soil outdoors

Hardiness tender

Morphology:

Leaves large, fiddle-shaped to 15" long, dark green and glossy -
on short petioles; margins sinuate, apex rounded, much broader than base

Flowers housed within fruit

Fruit globose, sessile, in pairs to 1 1/4" dia., spotted white

Propagation: tip cuttings, stem cuttings, air layering

Usage: specimen tree indoors -- in bright corners near floor-
ceiling windows; does well under covered patios or protected areas in
tropical landscapes -- good container tree.

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average water; tolerates heavy watering

Fertilizing balanced, 1/2 strength, 2 times per month

Pruning pinch out tip when young to encourage side branching

Pests/Diseases red spidermite, mealybug

Special Conditions oil-based solvents in insecticides can damage young leaves

Origin: Trop.Africa Family: Moraceae