

Botanical Name: Ficus carica

Common Name: Edible fig, Common fig

Type of Plant: dicot:tree/shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an irregular, many-branched near base or even clump-like  
plant; forms fairly dense rounded canopy; bark becomes gray-white on older  
branches

Height 10-20' Spread 2/3-equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun

Soil well-draining soils preferred; tolerates poorer

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 12-24); thrives in hot sunny locations

Morphology:

Leaves palmate, long-petioled, alternate; 3-5 lobed, 4-9" long  
and nearly as wide; bright green, rough-textured

Flowers inconspicuous, developing inside a closed receptacle along  
stem axils; usually bisexual; blooms in spring and summer

Fruit a fleshy synconium, containing many achenes

Propagation: seed, followed by grafting

Usage: an excellent accent tree for gnarled branch structures and  
showy foliage; can be espaliered; shade/fruit tree; subtropical or tropical  
theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular preferred if drainage is good; drought-tolerant

Fertilizing use low-nitrogen fertilizers; in spring

Pruning to shape desired; thin out

Pests/Diseases relatively free; birds eat the fruit

Special Conditions

Origin: Eur. & Asia Family: Moraceae