

Botanical Name: Ficus rubiginosa

Common Name: Rusty-leaf fig

Type of Plant: dicot: tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an erect, mostly single-trunked tree, with large spreading branches forming a dense rounded to somewhat flattened canopy; bark is light cream-white and fairly smooth

Height 20'-50' (70') Spread equal or more Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full or partial sun; likes heat

Soil prefers well-draining sandy soils; tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 18-24): prefers mild coastal climate

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, oval-elliptic; 2"-5" long, dark green and shiny above, rusty-tomentose beneath

Flowers inconspicuous; mostly in pairs along axils of smaller stems; late spring

Fruit a small leathery synconium; greenish, 1/2" diameter, round, pairs

Propagation: seed, semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: a large shade tree, lawn tree; can be pruned into an accent tree (form and dark foliage); best suited for large area landscapes; has an aggressive, shallow, vigorous root system; used for subtropical theme landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering regular is preferred; tolerates some drought

Fertilizing little required except where heavily watered

Pruning head high; can be headed back; thin out

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: Australia Family: Moraceae