

Botanical Name: Ficus diversifolia

Common Name: Mistletoe fig

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape sprawling, angular, shrubby plant; can be trained

upright or allowed to trail and sprawl

Height 2-5' Spread 2-5' Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure in/out part shade outdoors; bright light indoors (250+ FC)

Soil needs well-drained soil, thrives in regular potting mix

Hardiness tender outdoors (zones 19-24); durable indoors

Morphology:

Leaves thick, rounded, dark green, 2" long on short petioles -

tan specks on upper surface, black specks below

Flowers within fruit

Fruit small greenish yellow, rounded synconium, to 1/4" across

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings

Usage: houseplant, patio plant -- either free-standing or in

hanging pots -- should be staked if an upright form is desired

Landscape Care:

Watering likes regular watering; not drought tolerant

Fertilizing balanced, half-strength, monthly

Pruning control size, keep dense by pinching

Pests/Diseases spider mites, root rot where drainage is poor

Special Conditions

Origin: Malaysia Family: Moraceae