

Botanical Name: Ficus repens (F. pumila)

Common Name: Creeping fig

Type of Plant: dicot; vine Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape clinging, climbing growth habit, attaches itself to wood, masonry, or metal by tiny roots -- will cover surfaces and walls; 'holdfasts' can damage wood structures

Height indefinite Spread indefinite Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoor half-shade preferred; will tolerate full sun in mild areas

Soil prefers a well-drained loam

Hardiness hardy to 20 degrees (zones 8-24)

Morphology:

Leaves juvenile leaves ovate, to 1" long, sometimes oppositely arranged; adult leaves to 4" long, elliptic to oblong, alternately arranged

Flowers pistils and stamens found inside fruit structure

Fruit pear-shaped synconium; light green, 2-4" long

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings taken from juvenile growth

Usage: useful for covering concrete, brick, wood, stucco or stone walls; can be used as a container plant or groundcover; can become very aggressive with age

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular watering but tolerates brief drought

Fertilizing only as needed

Pruning head back any time for control; can be cut to ground

Pests/Diseases scale on older leaves

Special Conditions

Origin: SE Asia Family: Moraceae