

Botanical Name: Ficus maclellandii 'Alii' (F. binnendijkii 'Alii')

Common Name: Bamboo fig

Type of Plant: dicot: houseplant Family Moraceae

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape Upright, tree-like with strong central trunk, short side
branches with slender, long dark colored drooping leaves

Height to 15 ft. Spread to 6 ft. Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure in/out part shade outdoors, bright light indoors

Soil grows well in peat-based potting soil

Hardiness tender outdoors, durable and easy to grow indoors

Morphology:

Leaves narrowly elliptical to slightly lanceolate, 6-12" long, to
1 1/2" across with pronounced veins and a long, aristate tip

Flowers none

Fruit small fleshy capsule to 3/8" diameter, flower parts inside

Propagation: herbaceous cuttings taken any time

Usage: Excellent houseplant and more durable substitute for F. benjamina;
excellent in large containers, as a specimen, in atria or large indoor garden
spaces, or as a patio plant, can be kept smaller with judicious pruning

Landscape Care:

Watering takes average watering; fairly drought tolerant and not as likely
to shed leaves as F. benjamina

Fertilizing balanced fertilizer, half strength, monthly

Pruning head back and/or thin out to desired shape

Pests/Diseases mealybug, aphids

Other recent introduction, cultivar is from tissue culture

Origin: Cultivar; species from Southeast Asia