

Botanical Name: Ficus elastica 'Decora'

Common Name: Rubber Plant, Broad-leaved Indian Rubber Plant

Type of Plant: dicot: shrub/tree Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape an upright to spreading, mostly single-trunked plant;
branches arise from near the ground to form large rounded dense canopy; younger
stems are smooth, gray-green, with a conspicuous ring at each node

Height 10-20' (40') Spread equal Growth Rate rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoors prefers partial sun; can tolerate both shade and full sun

Soil thrives in most soils except highly alkaline

Hardiness some frost (zones 16,17,19-24); prefers mild coastal locale

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, broadly oval-elliptic; 8-16" long,
4-8" wide; dark glossy green; young foliage somewhat bronze-colored

Flowers inconspicuous, green, in pairs along leaf axis

Fruit a small synconium; oval, 1/2" wide, green-yellow

Propagation: semihardwood or hardwood cuttings; air-layering

Usage: a dramatic accent shrub or tree because of its large
glossy foliage; widely used both indoors and outdoors in shaded locations
has extremely aggressive, shallow root system

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers an occasional deep soak; tolerates heavy
irrigation if drainage is good

Fertilizing as needed; plants kept in containers require feeding

Pruning to shape desired (avoid shearing); head high when young

Pests/Diseases relatively pest free in sunny outdoor locations

Special Conditions

Origin: India/Asia Family: Moraceae