

**Botanical name:**  
**Genus:** Ficus  
**Species:** iyratia

**Common name (s):**  
Fiddle fig tree, Banjo fig

**Latin Family Name:** Moraceae  
**English Family Name:** Mulberry

### The plant

**Origin; country or region:** Native to tropical Western and Central Africa

**Growth habit:** Can be found in tropical rainforests where it thrives in dense, warm, and wet surrounds

**Flower description** (if applicable): NA

**Blooming period/availability** (if applicable): Evergreen

**Stem:** Scarcely branched in younger specimens, stiff and sturdy; without aerial roots

**Leaf/Foliage Description:** Showy, bullate but not glossy

It is noted for its large, lyre-shaped, dark green leaves which resemble the shape of a violin (fiddle)

**Usage :** Showy and a popular houseplant

**STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :**

They are big and bold, and a breath of fresh air  
Available in many sizes (2 feet to 6 feet and larger too !)

Fits into all kind of spaces- designers and home owners alike love them because of their scale, sculptural quality and because they work with a wide range of interior styles; from bohemian chic to industrial and minimalism

**WEAKNESS :**

Very temperamental

Sentitive to moving its position/light and water

Browning of leaves and root rot are common problems

Slow growing

May need a support after a while

Big leaves can get dusty and need frequent cleaning



In recent years the Fiddle fig are evidence of a refined, aesthetic and good taste, on part of their owners



### Care & Handling

**Longevity:** If taken care, the Fiddle fig will last for years!

**Water requirements:** Water regularly

Don't overwater, keep evenly soil damp and allow to dry out slightly between watering

**Light:** Bright indirect light or part shade with protection from afternoon sun

**Soil/Nutrition requirements:** A draining potting media that's high in organic matter

**Special care/remarks:** Turn the plant around as it tends to grow towards the light

According to this NASA study, many plants, including ficus trees such as Ficus lyrata, are effective at cleaning air and removing harmful chemicals

For a few years now, the Fiddle fig has been the 'go to plant' when it comes to interior design and decor.

It is the indoor plant of the decade!!

Caring for one of these trees is a wonderful way to feel accomplished and productive

Many Fiddle leaf fig owners also develop a bond with their plants, giving them names and becoming very attached to them

I call my plant « IYRA » and she does respond :)

