

Botanical name:
Genus: Ficus
Species: benjamina

Common Name(s): Ficus,
Weeping fig

Latin Family Name: Moraceae
English Family Name: Mulberry

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to Asia and Australia

Growth habit: Deciduous or evergreen trees and shrub

Flower description: Small, petalless male or female flowers

Blooming period/availability:

Leaf/Foliage Description: Alternate or opposite leaves

The young foliage is light green and slightly wavy, the older leaves are green and smooth

Dark green /sage green cream variegated varieties also available

Usage: A large arching branches and long pointed leaves, it looks attractive indoors

Tall and slim with a weeping persona

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES :

Ideal blend of the kind of beauty and functionality

Superb indoor plant with its gracefully drooping branchlets and glossy leaves

Ideal for office and lobbies

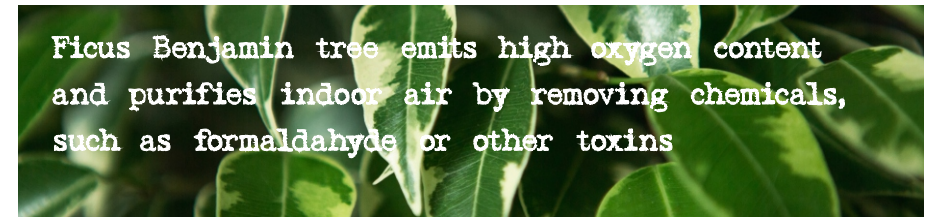
A great fit for absolute beginners

WEAKNESS :

Loss of leaves

Dislikes being moved

There is the green leaf type and variegated, also miniature sized trees (indoor bonsai)



Care & Handling

Longevity: If taken care, the Ficus 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: Enjoys humus-rich moist best

Special care/remarks: Toxic to cats and dogs

Ficus lyrata (Fiddle fig) and the Ficus benjamina enjoy the same characteristics

