

FICUS BENJAMINA



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Ficus benjamina, commonly known as Weeping Fig or Benjamin Fig, is an evergreen tree belonging to the Moraceae family. It is recognized for its elegant, slightly drooping branches and small, oval, glossy leaves. Thanks to its high tolerance for pruning, it can be grown either as a large tree or trained into a miniature bonsai form.



The species is native to the tropical regions of Southeast Asia and Australia. In its natural habitat, it can grow up to 30 meters tall. Today, in addition to being one of the most popular indoor plants worldwide, it is an indispensable shade tree in gardens in regions with low frost risk, such as the Mediterranean.

Cultivation and Uses

Ficus benjamina prefers bright locations with plenty of light but without direct, harsh sunlight. One of its most important characteristics is its need for stability; it does not tolerate being moved frequently or exposed to sudden drafts, and it may respond by shedding its leaves rapidly. It prefers moist soil, but good drainage is essential to prevent the roots from becoming waterlogged.



In landscaping, it is commonly used as a natural hedge or boundary plant; its dense branching structure creates an excellent privacy screen. Indoors, it is well known for its air-purifying qualities, helping to filter substances such as formaldehyde and benzene. Its trunks can be braided or shaped into various forms, allowing it to be displayed like a living sculpture. The variegated form, known as 'Variegata,' with its white-and-green leaves, is frequently preferred for brightening darker corners.