

Weeping Fig (Common Name)

Ficus benjamina (Scientific Name)



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Canopy potential: 35' – 40' wide

Annual Growth Rate: 24"

Powerline Friendly: 25' – 35' from base

Root Damage Potential: Moderate

Leaves: The young foliage is light green and slightly wavy, the older leaves are green and smooth; the leaf blade is ovate to ovate-lanceolate with wedge-shaped to broadly rounded base and ends with a short dropper tip.

Flowers: Male and fertile and sterile female flowers.



ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS

Water Use: Moderate

Edible Fruit Producing: No

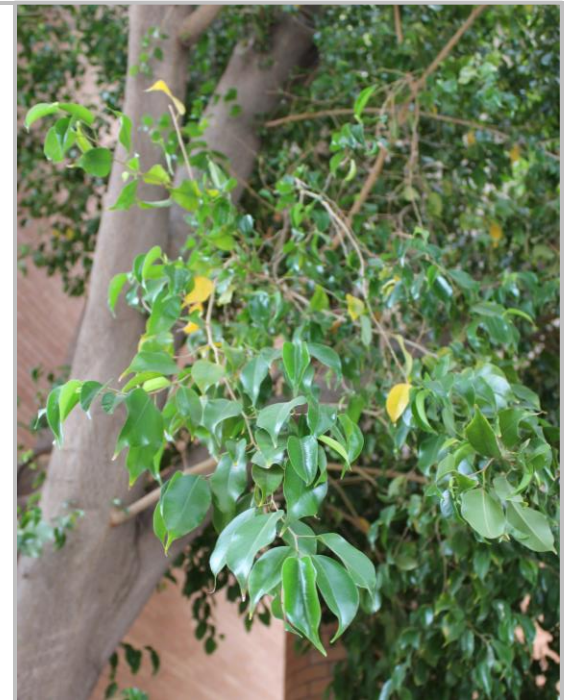
Allergenic: N/A

BVOC Emissions: High

Sonoran Desert Native: No

Invasive Species: No

Tree Care: Plant in full sun to partial shade. Regular watering is needed to promote growth. Well-draining soil is most preferred. Water regularly but do not over-water.



Ecosystem Services: Its latex and some fruit extracts are used by indigenous communities to treat skin disorders, inflammation, vomiting, leprosy, malaria, nose-diseases, and cancer besides the use as a general tonic. A latex can be obtained from all parts of the plant. The wood is low quality but can be used for temporary constructions, moldings, interior work, drawers, etc.

