

Ficus binnendijkii

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Common Names: Amstel King, Alii Fig, Narrow-leaved Ficus, Long-leaved Ficus, Sabre Ficus, Banana-leaved Fig

Family: Moraceae

Origin: South-East Asia

Growth: Upwards, branching

Light: Bright, indirect

Foot Candles: 175+

Water: Keep evenly moist

Humidity: 30% - 60%

Temperature: 16°C - 28°C

Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter

Nutrients: 15-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed or grafting

Interiorscape Use: Large potted plant, atrium

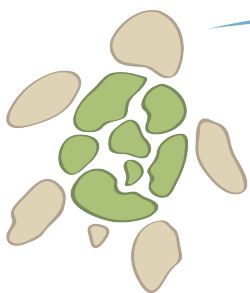


Common Pests: Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

Common Issues: Root rot when sitting in water. Leaf drop with insufficient light or watering. Will develop aerial roots with higher humidity.

Comments: Amstel King is a hardier cultivar of Alii and has replaced it for most projects. Leaves come out an attractive light greenish-orange and darken over time. Typically grown as a standard for indoor containers. A mutation discovered by a Dutch nursery, Kwekerij De Amstel, on the Amstel River in Amsterdam in 1993.

Toxicity: Can cause itching of eyes, coughing and wheezing following frequent contact; skin irritation with itching, redness, and stinging following contact and exposure to sunlight, as well as gastrointestinal irritation. Rarely effects humans but pets are more vulnerable, especially if any part of plant is ingested.



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