

Ficus retusa 'Ginseng'

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Common Names: Ginseng Ficus, Pot-Bellied Ficus, Bonsai Fig

Family: Moraceae

Origin: Malaysia

Growth: Upwards, branching

Light: Full sun, but not direct sun.

Foot Candles: 250+

Water: Keep evenly moist

Humidity: 20% - 60%

Temperature: 18°C - 35°C

Soil: Well draining potting mix

Container: Self-watering planter, planter with drainage

Nutrients: 15-10-10 Monthly

Propagation: Seed or grafting

Interiorscape Use: Novelty Plant, Bonsai



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

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

Comments: Incredibly unique houseplant! The fat trunks resemble ginseng. They are very common in the art of Bonsai. Every plant has its own unique character and shape. Can be pruned back to remain small. Branches can also be wired for style. The bulbous trunk is actually the tuber of a cultivar, grown above soil.

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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