

# Ficus lyrata

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**Common Names:** Fiddle Leaf Fig, Banjo Fig, Big-Leaf Ficus

**Family:** Moraceae

**Origin:** Western-Central Tropical Africa

**Height:** 10" pot = 10' Specimen = 100'

**Light:** Full sun

**Foot Candles:** 250+

**Water:** Keep evenly moist

**Humidity:** 40% - 70%

**Temperature:** 20°C - 28°C

**Soil:** Well draining potting mix

**Container:** Self-watering planter

**Nutrients:** 15-10-10 Monthly

**Propagation:** Seed, grafting, or branch tip cuttings

**Interiorscape Use:** Large potted plant, atrium

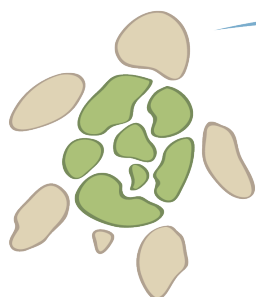


**Common Pests:** Mealybugs, Aphids, Spider Mites, Scale, Thrips.

**Common Issues:** Root rot when sitting in water. Leaf drop with insufficient light or watering. Will develop aerial roots with higher humidity. Leaves may crisp around edges in drafts or from contact with human oils.

**Comments:** New owners often mistake the strange colouration on new leaves to be disease, but this is in fact Edema, a common sight on Ficus lyrata. It is caused by inconsistent watering schedules and is the result of the plant taking in too much water causing the new cells to burst and die. The leaf will often grow to cover these spots. Edema can be resolved by altering the watering regiment.

**Toxicity:** Sap is irritating to eyes and skin. Causes stomach pains when ingested.



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