

***Ficus carica* (Fig)**

Classification

Kingdom: Plantae

Phylum: Tracheophyta

Class: Magnoliopsida

Order: Rosales

Family: Moraceae

Genus: Ficus

Species: carica



PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS

Trunk: Thick, smooth, greyish- brown trunk with spreading base.

Leaves: Leaves are dark green on top and lighter green on bottom, grow up to 20-30cm.

Fruit: Small, green or purple, pear- shaped fruit which can grow up to 5-10 cm.

DISTRIBUTION AND HABITAT

Fig typically grows in warm dry climates and mild winters. It is cultivated in Asia, Africa, Oceania, USA, Middle East.

CULTIVATION AND USES

Fig is a fast-growing plant with large and rough leaves. It has edible fruits. Fig works as an effective natural remedy for controlling blood pressure, treats constipation, piles and digestive issues. Fig is used in making jams, baked goods. Its leaves are used as food for live-stock and used in landscaping and gardening.

INTERESTING FACTS

Fig tree is mention in different ideologies like. Babylonian mythology, Buddhism, Christianity, Islam, etc. Figs are actually inside-out inflorescences, containing hundreds of tiny fruits.