

Ficus microcarpa



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Genus: Ficus
Family: Moraceae
Order: Rosales
Class: Magnoliopsida
Phylum: Angiosperms

Key Facts:

Toxicity: Mildly toxic to pets (can cause gastrointestinal issues).
Invasiveness: Considered invasive in some tropical regions.
Plant Type: Evergreen tree.
Lifespan: Can live for several decades with proper care.

Characteristics:

Plant Height: As a bonsai, 1-3 feet; in the wild, up to 50 feet.
Spread: As a bonsai, 1-2 feet.
Leaf Color: Glossy green.
Bloom Time: Rarely blooms indoors.
Flower Size: Small, inconspicuous.
Flower Color: Typically greenish but rarely seen.

Distribution:

Origin: Asia.

Habitat: Found in subtropical to tropical climates.

Care:

Difficulty: Easy to moderate.

Toughness: Resilient and adaptable.

Maintenance: Low to moderate.

Watering: Keep soil moist, but not waterlogged; allow the top layer to dry slightly between waterings.

Pruning: Prune regularly to maintain bonsai shape.

Propagation: Easily propagated from cuttings.

Repotting: Repot every 1-2 years in spring.

Conditions:

Temperature: Prefers 16°C to 24°C; avoid freezing.

Hardiness Zone: USDA zones 10-11.

Sun Requirements: Prefers bright, indirect light but tolerates low light.

Soil Type: Well-draining bonsai or cactus mix.

Use: Ideal for bonsai cultivation, shade and windbreaks.

Location: Indoors or outdoors in warm climates.

Pests and Diseases: Susceptible to scale, mealybugs, and root rot if overwatered.

