

Ray's Figs

Welcome to my fig page. I have been growing figs for almost twenty years now. About ten years ago I began studying them intensively and accumulating a much too sizable collection of varieties. At the present time I am serving as the Coordinator for the Fig Interest Group of North American Fruit Explorers (NAFEX).

This web site is not really intended for novices—although they may find **Frequently Asked Questions** useful. If you are a beginner, I suggest you first study the materials at the [NAFEX Fig Page](#). The [CRFG Fig Page](#) is also very good. Otherwise, select one of the text links below:

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The **Figs of Israel** and **The Sycomore Fig** pages were inspired, edited and photographed by **Daniel Yakir** of Haifa, Israel. the sycomore fig is a tropical relative of the common fig, *Ficus carica*. It has been grown in Egypt and frost-free areas along the eastern Mediterranean Sea for thousands of years. It is mentioned in the Bible and many people have asked me about it. Here is my answer to these questions.

NOTE 1: I do not sell plants or cuttings. I do sell *The Fig Booklet*, a 36 page guide to growing and identifying figs.

Just check out [The New Fig Booklet](#) page for details on price and how to order. I have finally straightened out my links to PayPal so payments should be much easier in the future.

NOTE 2: I do not sell fruit--fresh or dried. A very good source for fresh figs is the [Fig Lady](#).

NOTE 3: I do not return long-distance phone calls. Use e-mail. Please e-mail your comments, questions and suggestions to me at thegivans@planters.net If you absolutely, positively gotta, musta, havta phone me and I am not home which is pretty frequently the case, do NOT leave you telephone number and expect me to return your call. Leave your e-mail address and I will get back to you.

This website was last updated August 26, 2007 to include a number of better photos of some fig

varieties. I am in the process of doing the research for a new, bigger web site covering several edible fig species. Hopefully I will find enough information including photos, to make a good web site. When it appears it will completely replace, but incorporate, this site.