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Blanche (Italian Honey fig, Lattarula, Lemon, White Marseille) - Medium to large, skin yellowish green, flesh white to amber, very sweet, lemon flavor. Valuable in short-season, cool-summer areas. Slow growing, dense, hardy tree. One of the most popular here in Vancouver - Delicioso!

Brown Turkey (Aubique Noire, Negro Largo, San Piero) From Provence. Medium sized, skin is purplish brown, flesh pinkish amber. Good flavor. Best when fresh. Small, hardy, vigorous tree. Prune severely for heaviest main crop. Does best in southern California.

Celeste (Blue Celeste, Honey Fig, Malta, Sugar, Violette) - Small to medium size, skin is light violet to violet-brown, flesh reddish amber. Very sweet, usually dried. Tightly closed eye, good for Southeast, no good in North. Small, productive, hardy.

Conadria - The original hybrid fig - Bred by Ira Condit, Riverside 1956. Fruit pale green, medium, flesh strawberry red. Mildly sweet. Good fresh, excellent dried. More productive than Adriatic but of lesser quality. Tree vigorous, tends to excessive growth under irrigation, best in hot climates. Will produce in the north but only in a very warm micro-climate.

Croisic (Cordelia, Gillette, St. John) - The only edible caprifig. Fruits very early. Fruits pale yellow, small, pulp nearly white, without a lot of character and not really that tasty. Tree low, dense, spreading. A fine choice for north coast and Pacific Northwest.

Desert King (Charlie, King) - Origin Madera, Calif. 1920. San Pedro type. Large, skin is deep green, minutely spotted white, pulp strawberry red. Sweet, delicious fresh or dried. Commonly matures good fruit on the coast. Tree highly vigorous. Hardy, best adapted to cool areas such as the Pacific Northwest.

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Excel Bred by W.B. Storey, Riverside, 1975. Large, skin is yellow, flesh light amber. Fruits practically neckless, blocky. Very sweet. Excellent, all-purpose fig. Similar to Kadota but more productive. Tree vigorous, even rank. Does well in most parts of California.

Flanders - Found by I.J. Condit, Riverside, 1965 as a seedling of White Adriatic. Medium, long neck, skin is brownish yellow with violet stripes, flesh amber. Strong, fine flavor. Excellent all-purpose fruit. Ripens late. Tree vigorous but requires no great pruning. For south coastal California, San Joaquin Valley.

Judy Patented by Leonard Jessen, Pasadena, 1986. Probable seedling of California Brown Turkey. Large and broad, fruit is brown to black, pulp pink.

Kadota (Dottato, Florentine, White Kadota) - Medium, skin is yellowish green, flesh amber, tinged pink at center. Flavor rich. Resists souring. Tree upright, requires annual pruning to slow growth. Requires hot, dry climate for best quality, but is sometimes grown in the cool coastal regions of B.C. Do people just go for the name?



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147. Feb 14, 2003 5:50 PM

I have a solarium in which I would like to grow some potted figs. In local greenhouses I have only ever seen the one variety being offered and that being Brown Turkey. Though, requesting others no pla ...

-- posted by **Twrosz**

146. Oct 16, 2002 8:25 AM

In response to [message](#) posted by **PaulandInese**:

Hi,
If anybody has any small fig plants that they'd be willing to spare I'd certainly ap ...

-- posted by **Roy15**

145. Oct 14, 2002 8:09 PM

In response to your question, it would depend on where you live. For example, southern Ontario has many ethnic home gardeners that either grow them in containers and bring them into shelter for the w ...

-- posted by **PaulandInese**

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144. Oct 14, 2002 7:58 PM

In response to your question, I recommend that you either winter your figs in a dark closet or in a garage where they can go dormant. If they get both heat and light they will continue to be active d ...

-- posted by PaulandInese

143. Sep 25, 2001 3:58 PM

Due to the long and informative nature of this discussion, I've taken the most important points transferred them into article format.

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