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Ice Crystal Fig Tree (Ficus carica 'Ice Crystal') Supplied height 0.75 metres in a 5 Litre container **FREE UK MAINLAND DELIVERY EXCEPT SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS**



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Price: £39.95

Don't forget, all our trees are **certified virus free** and **replaced at 40% discount** if it dies for any natural reason in the first **12 months**.

All trees are UK grown from **UK seeds** with up to **4 years root growth** and up to **2 years tree growth** and may/ should **produce fruit within a year** of purchase (weather and conditions dependant).

Ice Crystal (Ficus carica 'Ice Crystal') is a **most unusual fig**, with divided leaves that appear in the shape of ice crystals making this a **very ornamental plant**. It is **very hardy** and also produces **delicious, small figs**.

A taste of the Mediterranean or the Alps. Fig trees make an **attractive garden tree**, with its strong branch structure creating an **interesting appearance**. Figs from this tree are **exceptionally tasty brownish-purple fruit**, which is produced twice a year, in late spring and again in late summer.

Folklore states that the Greeks, the Spartans and athletes included figs as their staple diet, as it increased their strength and swiftness. In fact, in ancient Greece it was forbidden to export figs. During the time of the Roamn Empire, in Latin mythology, it was dedicated to Bacchus (Dionysus) the 'jolly god' who was supposed to have gained his vigor from the fig tree. Figs were used in religious ceremonies. In fact, figs were held sacred by the Romans because the wolf that suckled Romulus and Remus rested under a Fig tree. Figs were offered as presents during the celebrations of the first day of the year by Romans.

The inhabitants of Cyrene crowned themselves with

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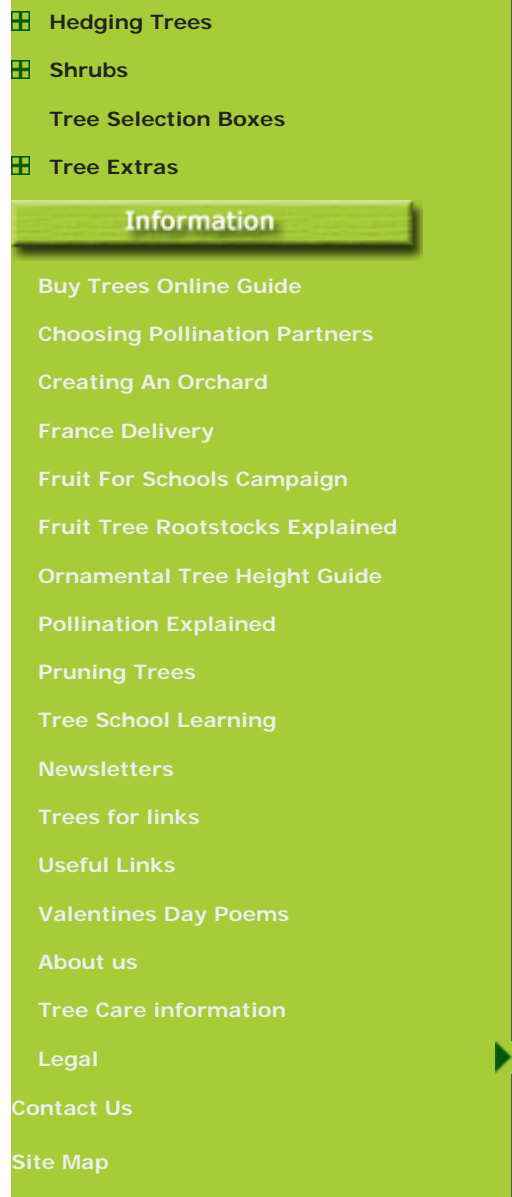
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wreaths of Figs when sacrificing to Saturn, as he was said to have discovered the the fruit. The fig was considered an antidote against poison. Much interesting history that will make your Fig tree a worthy addition to your garden. Expect a final height of between 5m and 7m (15ft and 21ft).

Type of Fig: Eating

Time of Picking: Mid Season

Fertility: Self fertile

Ice Crystal Fig is sold as a 0.75 metre high tree in a 5 litre container for year round planting.

We will include a personal message at **no additional cost** if required.

FRUIT TREE STOCK LEVELS

From April to July, industry stock levels of fruit trees are lower than a piece of gum stuck to a coal miners boot due to the end of the growing season. Ordering a tree with *****OUT OF STOCK***** or "SHIPPED 21st August 2009" in the product title will mean that you will receive your order on the 21st August 2009 (we were aiming for easy and obvious on that one!)

Fruit Tree Life Expectancy

Most fruit trees will give you at least 40 years of fruit. Pears can go to 70. Records of 200 year old trees exist but this is the exception, not the rule.

Pollination Information

Self-Fertile: Will produce fruit without help.

Partially Self -Fertile: Will produce some fruit without help but more fruit is grown with a pollination partner.

Non-Self-Fertile: Needs a pollination partner to produce fruit

If you are planting fruit trees then you may need to consider a pollination partner if the tree is non self-fertile. Non self-fertile trees rely on the pollen of other fruit trees for the fruit growing process to start. This will come from sources such as bees, moths, butterflies, flies and the wind that carry the pollen from tree to tree.

The pollination partner needs to be of the same family and blossom time e.g. an apple tree needs the pollen of another apple tree that is in blossom at roughly the same time.

Crab apple trees will also pollinate other apple trees if the flowering periods are the same or similar.

Plums, Gages and Damsons are all of the same family and so will pollinate each other but as before, need to bloom/flower at the same time.

If your nearest source of fruit tree pollen is more than a mile away then you should consider purchasing a pollination partner of the same species. So if you live on an estate another pollination partner is likely to be nearby whereas a Country farmer (as opposed to an inner city one!) will struggle.

For more information on pollination please look at **pollination explained** or choosing the **correct pollination partner**



Desired quantity :



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