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# **Fig Trees**

*Ficus carica*. Fig trees have been entwined with the human race since early times. Maybe that's why the leaves of the fig tree are immediately identifiable to almost every person on the planet. The fig is

sometimes called a fruit without a flower, but it's actually a flower without a fruit! The edible portion of the fig tree is stem tissue that has enclosed the numerous tiny flowers. Scrabble players please note: the botanical term is syconium.

The deeply lobed leaves provide a unique texture in the landscape and the fresh fruit is nothing short of marvelous. Two crops per season can be achieved by careful pruning. The first crop, known as breba, is carried on the prior season's wood in midsummer. The second crop appears on new wood about six weeks later.

Takes a few seasons for fig trees to begin heavy fruit production. Self-fertile. Warm summers required for best fruit flavor. Add organic matter to planting hole, especially in sandy soils. However, don't fertilize too heavily or you'll get leafy and frost-sensitive growth at the expense of fruit. Fig trees prefer a neutral pH, but are fairly adaptable about growing conditions. Moderate water.

Customers in cold climates report that oiling the eyes of figs at the end of the season helps them to ripen prior to first frost. Use the side of a toothpick dipped in olive oil and brush against bottom of fig. Since figs won't ripen off the tree, this may be the only way gardeners in cold zones can enjoy fresh figs.

Very suitable for container culture, especially if you happen to have some ancient Etruscan urns in the attic. Bay Flora fig trees are pesticide-free. Most plants are about 3' tall, in 1-gal containers, with branching just about to begin. Panache 'Tiger' fig, Peter's Honey fig, White Genoa fig and Negronne fig are also available in 4" x 9" pots. Our fig trees can be kept to a 6' shrub in a pot, or be allowed to grow to a typical size in warmer regions of about 20' tall with spreading branches. Established fig trees in the ground are hardy to about 10 degrees. Branches may die back to ground during extended freezes, but new growth will regenerate from base.

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## Panache 'Tiger' Fig Tree

Panache is also known as the Tiger fig and you'll know why when you see these striped and stippled green and yellow beauties. Crimson flesh turns to jam as the fruit ripens and this brings out the strawberry/orange flavors. Needs a long, warm growing season. Ripens late, so not suitable for cold climates. No breba crop, but a prolific late crop. Great for containers. About 2-3' tall in 4" x 9" grower pots.

pft **\$29.50** 

## Lattarulla Fig Tree

The most reliable performer in short-season, cool summer areas such as the Northwest and Northern California. The Lattarulla fig tree produces lots of figs twice a year, even in containers. The green skin brings a welcome tartness to the sweet taste of the honey-colored flesh. Grown in 1 gal containers. TEMPORARILY OUT OF STOCK.

lf **\$28.50** 



#### White Genoa Fig Tree

The White Genoa fig tree is justly famous for the delicious juicy pale rose pulp of its green skinned fruit. Not much of a breba crop, but excellent main crop of turban shaped figs. Best suited for cooler West Coast growing areas, does not hold up in hot climates. Very late crop and can even ripen after first frosts. Upright grower that responds well to annual pruning. Grown in 4" x 9" grower pots. A slow grower and these trees are on the small side. One per customer, please.

wgf1 **\$29.50** 

# Negronne Fig Tree 1 gal

Also known as Violette de Bordeaux, the irresistible fruit of this fig tree has the sweetest, darkest red flesh of any fig, real or imagined. Spread a ripe Negronne fig on a piece of toast and you'll swear you're eating raspberry jam. Bears at an early age. Negronne leaves are a deep, rich green, narrower and more imbricated than other varieties. The tree is a natural dwarf, adapts easily to container culture, and can give you two crops of succulent figs a year. Who could ask for anything more? Grown in 1 gal containers. TEMPORARILY OUT OF STOCK.

nf \$28.50

#### **Negronne Fig Tree Grower's Pot**

This Negronne fig tree is grown in the 4" x 9" grower pots that promote lengthy root systems. Current size is about 3' tall and the stem is thicker than the stems of the Negronnes in the 1 gal pots. SOLD OUT UNTIL SPRING 2010.

nfpg \$25.00

# Peter's Honey Fig Tree 1 gal

The best-tasting fig to be introduced into the U. S. in years, Peter's Honey fig tree produces a soft celadon green fruit on the outside. When you bite into the dark amber flesh, you'll understand why this variety has become so popular since its arrival from Sicily. Needs a warm location for proper ripening. A stone wall is a perfect backdrop. Second crop is early, so Peter's Honey fig is suitable for locations with early frost. 1 gal containers.

phf \$28.50

# Peter's Honey Fig Tree 5 Gal

This Peter's Honey fig tree is well-established and fills out its 5 gal pot. ONE PER CUSTOMER, PLEASE.

phf5 **\$55.00** 

### Peter's Honey Fig Tree Grower's Pot

Same characteristics of the Peter's Honey fig tree in the 1gal, but this tree is grown in a 4" x 9" grower's pot for longer roots. About 3' tall, most with small fruit. They're looking great. TEMPORARILY SOLD OUT.

phfgp \$25.00

#### **Black Jack Fig Tree**

Another dwarf variety suitable for container growing, Black Jack fig trees bear heavily and are easy to maintain at 6' tall in containers. Fruit is large and elongated, with juicy and sweet strawberry flesh. Trees have been pruned short to promote fruit production and root development. Grown in 5 gal containers. ONE PER CUSTOMER, PLEASE.

3000 **\$57.50** 





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