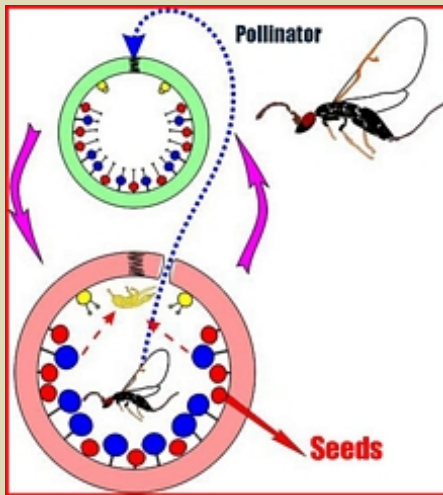


Fig and fig wasp life cycle

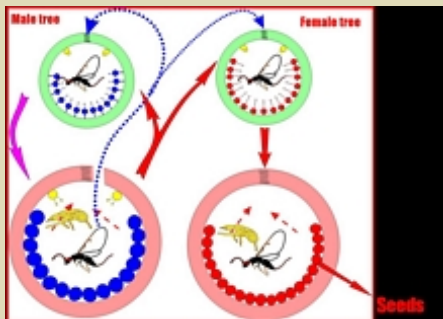
(Life; Embryophyta (plants); Angiospermae (flowering plants); Eudicotyledons; Order: Rosales; Family: Moraceae; Genus: Ficus)

Interaction of figs and fig wasps

Figs exhibit two life cycle strategies. About half the species are monoecious and the other half are gynodioecious (functionally dioecious with male and female reproductive functions separated between individual trees).



Monoecious life cycle



Dioecious life cycle



Non-pollinating fig wasps

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