Fignomenal Dwarf Fig

Ficus carica 'PT-DF-14'

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 7

Group/Class: Dwarf Fig

Description:

An extremely dwarf variety with a low, mounding habit; attractive, deeply lobed, green foliage and brown fruit with pink-red flesh; bears fruit throughout the year; perfect for urban gardening, indoors as well as outdoors; attracts birds



Fignomenal Dwarf Fig
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Edible Qualities

Fignomenal Dwarf Fig is a small shrub that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces dark brown fruit (technically 'pomes') with plum purple overtones and ruby-red flesh which are usually ready for picking from late summer to early fall. The fruits have a sweet taste and a fleshy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Baking
- Preserves



Fignomenal Dwarf Fig fruit
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Features & Attributes

Fignomenal Dwarf Fig has attractive dark green foliage with light green veins on a plant with an upright spreading habit of growth. The small lobed leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. The fruits are showy dark brown pomes with plum purple overtones, which are carried in abundance from mid summer to late fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up.

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This is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition. This plant will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Aside from its primary use as an edible, Fignomenal Dwarf Fig is sutiable for the following landscape applications;

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- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Planting & Growing

Fignomenal Dwarf Fig will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It has a low canopy. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 50 years or more.

This shrub is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. This plant will benefit from an application of bonemeal and/or mycorrhizal fertilizer at the time of planting. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Fignomenal Dwarf Fig is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. With its upright habit of growth, it is best suited for use as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when grown in a container, it may not perform exactly as indicated on the tag - this is to be expected. Also note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.