

Desert King Fig



An excellent processing fig, either frozen or processed as fig preserves.

Ficus carica 'Desert King'

- **Use:** One of the most cold hardy Fig trees but also can take the heat. It's also one of the sweetest and most delicious figs with strawberry colored flesh that melts in your mouth. Called desert, but should probably have been called dessert. The large and abundant yellowish-green figs come early in the summer and those in the South usually get a second crop later in the season. The fruit buds resist winter frosts and sudden temperature changes in spring better than other cultivars. Fast growing and producing at a young age, figs are one of the easiest fruits to grow and there's little to no worries about deer and other pests. ***Please be sure to read the Home Garden Figs article from UGA on our Plant Information Page on the website.***
- **Exposure/Soil:** Grow in full sun. Well-drained, rich soil. pH of 5.5 to 6.5 necessary.
- **Growth:** Quickly reaches 15 to 25 ft. tall and wide. Can be kept a more manageable 8-10' tall with pruning.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-10; Tree. Can handle some single digit temps, but best to cover to protect the tree.
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The large, rich green, deeply lobed leaves and smooth gray bark are highly ornamental.
- **Flower/ Fruit:** The exceptionally large, green-skinned fruit has strawberry flesh of excellent quality. Usually sets a second fall crop in warmer regions. Self pollinating. Chill hours 100-200. Self-fertile

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