

Ficus Ginseng Bonsai Tree



Ficus microcarpa

- **Use:** Calling all Harry Potter Fans –check out this “mandrake” look alike. Ficus Ginseng or Chinese Banyan are among the most popular indoor bonsai specimens for beginners and prized for their whimsically-shaped trunk. The aerial roots of this interesting houseplant grow above the ground. The leaves are dark green, and oval shaped and grow densely, making it perfect for pruning. It's the most popular indoor tree species for Bonsai beginners. Toxic and should be kept away from pets and children.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Likes a light position out of the full sun, but plenty of sunlight. Place this houseplant in a sunny spot, filtered with a thin curtain or blinds. Fertilize your Ficus bonsai once every two weeks during the growing season, spring until fall. Water your Ginseng Ficus thoroughly whenever the soil gets slightly dry. It will tolerate some periods of over or underwatering, but prefers moist soil that is not saturated. Do not allow the roots to sit in water.
- **Growth:** Can grow anywhere between 16-40 inches indoors and is a very forgiving houseplant, making it perfect for beginner bonsai enthusiasts. In Mediterranean climates, it can reach 40 feet high with a 40 foot crown. Don't worry though as you can easily maintain it to a small habit and make sure it doesn't outgrow your home.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 10-12; Houseplant. The Chinese Banyan prefers temperatures of 60°F to 75°F. It does not like temperatures below 60°F or drafty areas.
- **Foliage:** Dark green leaves are about 2-3” in length.
- **Flowers:** Flowers have little ornamental value.



This plant filters pollutants from the air while releasing oxygen. With this plant in your home, you breathe cleaner air.