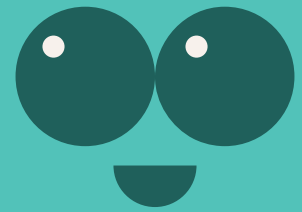


# Common Red-stem Fig



Scientific name : *Ficus variegata*

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English name : Common Red-stem Fig

Family : Moraceae

Native Distribution : Native species

Origin : Southern China, including the provinces of Guangdong, Guangxi, Yunnan, Hainan, and Fujian.

Growth habits : Evergreen trees

Leaf : Alternate, thick and papery, broadly ovate to elliptic-ovate, with acute to shallowly cordate apex, and prominent reticular veins on the underside of the leaves.

Flower : Genus of fig plants

Fruit : The fig fruit is nearly spherical or pear-shaped, with a depressed apex, resembling a navel.

Tree characteristics : It can grow up to 15 meters tall and often has buttress roots. The trunk has gray, smooth bark, and often retains fruit stalks on the trunk. The entire plant exudes latex.

Flowering period : March to December

Fruit period : March to December

Ecology : It provides a habitat for the fig wasp, as well as being a host plant for the lac insect and the tailed jay butterfly. Additionally, the short-nosed fruit bat feeds on the green figs of the banyan tree, helping to spread its seeds.