



Creeping Fig *Ficus pumila*

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 8-24, H1, H2	Grows in sun or shade, not for hot south or west walls	Tolerates various soils	Regular watering	Insignificant, rarely seen, droopy, small fig like, plum-sized, not edible	Will climb 15-20 feet or higher

This aggressive but beautiful evergreen vine is a relative of the edible fig, Ficus Carica, but bears little resemblance to its close cousin. Creeping fig is an enthusiastic climber able to scramble up vertical surfaces 3 and 4 stories tall with the help of a powerful adhesive. This vine covers surfaces with a tracery of fine stems that are densely covered with small heart shaped leaves that are 1 inch long by about .75 inch wide, they are held closely to the surface creating a mat of foliage that extends barely 1 inch from the surface. These are the juvenile leaves. Once the vine has reach the top of its support it will begin to form horizontal branches on which adult foliage is borne. Adult leaves are held alternately in two rows along these branches. They are more leathery than the juveniles, and are dark green, and about 3 inches long by 2 inches wide. The fruit is a fig. These are borne only on the horizontal stems, they are pale green in color and about 3 inches long by 2.5 inches wide