



***Ficus benjamina* L.**

**Family:** Moraceae

**Common names:** Weeping fig, Pimpari.



**Description:**

*Ficus benjamina* is an evergreen tree with a dense, wide crown that reaches up to 30 metres in natural conditions, having drooping branchlets and glossy leaves. This tree produces three types of flower; male, a long-styled female and a short-styled female flower, often called the gall flower. Fruits are round, fleshy and red in colour.

**Utilization:**

It can be grown as a hedge plant. The inner bark is a source of fibre. The wood is of low quality, but is used for temporary constructions, interior work, drawers, small domestic articles, fruit crates etc. The wood is also used as fuel. This tree is very suitable for bonsai and can be used as a house plant. This plant is also used as a land scaping plant.

Part	Uses
Latex	Skin disorder and inflammation
Fruit extracts	Vomiting, leprosy malaria
Root and leaves	Antioxidant activities
Stem	Antimicrobial activities
Ethanol extracts of leaves	Inhibit Herpes simplex virus1 and 2

**References:**

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