

Benjamin tree 'Starlight'

Ficus benjamina 'Starlight' Also known as: **Waringin 'Starlight', Tropic laurel 'Starlight', Java fig 'Starlight', Java tree 'Starlight'**

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This description is for species **Benjamin tree (Ficus benjamina)**:

The Benjamin Tree, or *Ficus benjamina*, is an evergreen shrub that sports wonderfully glossy leaves and orangey-red and black fruits during the autumn. Although it's an easy plant to grow, this sub-tropical small tree can't cope with the harsh winter frosts the UK experiences. This makes it ideal to grow in a conservatory or indoors, although it will happily live outside during the warmer months of summer. It is toxic, and can cause skin allergies in some people



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Plant	Environment	Usage
Known dangers? yes	Acidity Acidic Neutral Alkaline	Standard category Trees & shrubs Trees
Dangers: comments Avoid eating leaves of this plant, or you may have mild stomach upset. Its sap may irritate your skin.	Hardiness zone Z10-11	Grown for Ornamental Foliage
Height [m] 2.5	Heat zone H12-10	Creative category For Beginners Bonsai Author's choice
Spread [m] 1.5	Winter temperatures [°C] -1 - 4	Garden type Indoor or winter garden

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Dominant flower colour Green	Heat days 150 - 210	Gardening expertise beginner
Flower Fragrance No, neutral please	Moisture well-drained but frequently watered	Time to reach full size up to 20 years
Flowering seasons Mid winter Late winter Early spring Mid spring Late spring Early summer Mid summer Late summer Early autumn Mid autumn Late autumn Early winter	Soil type sandy Clay chalky loams	
Foliage in spring Green	Sun requirements Full sun Partial shade	
Foliage in summer Green	Exposure Sheltered	
Foliage in Autumn Green		
Foliage in winter Green		
Awards? Yes, let it smell		
Propagation methods semi-ripe cuttings seed leaf cuttings		
Growth habit Bushy		