

Botanical name:
Genus: Ficus
Species: elastica

Common Name(s):
Rubberplant

Latin Family Name: Moraceae
English Family Name: Mulberry

The plant

Origin; country or region: Native to eastern parts of South Asia and southeast Asia

Growth habit:

Flower description: NA

Blooming period/availability: NA

Leaf/Foliage Description: Broad, shiny attractive leaves

Usage: One of the most recognisable and reliable ornamental houseplant

STRENGTHS/OPPORTUNITIES:

Tough but easy going indoor plant

Easy to maintain

Long lasting

Available in green and variegated varieties

The shiny glossy leaves look great in most homes and although young plants start off small they will fill the space in an empty corner quickly

With the above qualities the rubber plant is sought after indoor green for homes, offices, lobbies

Many sizes are available to fit into any space

WEAKNESS:

Root rot or leaf drop (if composte is too wet)

Browning of leaves (due to sun scorch)

Leaves can get dusty- clean with damp cloth

Mealybugs, scales, and spidermites can be

problematic



Rubber Plant as one of the very best houseplants to clean the air. It also scores really well with resistance to pests and diseases and has a high transpiration rate which increases the humidity of the room it lives in

Care & Handling

Longevity: 20 years plus

Water requirements: Regular watering but allow to dry between watering (2-3 times a week)

Light: Bright but away from sunlight

Soil/Nutrition requirements: A draining potting media that's high in organic matter

Special care/remarks: Over watering can cause loss of leaves as can temperatures drops or cold drafts

Ornamental hybrids (such as Robusta) have been derived from Ficus elastica with broader, stiffer and more upright leaves than the wild form. Many such hybrids exist, often with variegated leaves

