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*Ficus*

*Moraceae*

*Ficus* is a Latin name for fig *Ficus carica*.

The genus contains roughly 2,000 trees, shrubs or vines.

The fruit of the species in this genus consists of a hollow fruit-like receptacle, inside which the tiny male and female flowers are hidden. These mature without ever seeing the light, and the blossom is followed by 1-seeded fruit embedded in the receptacle's flesh. A small opening in the top of this receptacle enables certain insects to crawl inside and pollinate the flowers within. Stems and leaves contain an acrid, milky juice. The actual 'fruit', in the botanical sense, are the seeds contained in the receptacles' flesh.