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Ficus pumila

[Synonyms : *Ficus repens*, *Ficus longipedicellata*, *Ficus scandens*, *Ficus stipulata*]

CLIMBING FIG is an evergreen climbing shrub. Native to eastern Asia (from Vietnam and India to China and Japan), it has purple fruit (receptacles).

It is also known as Creeping fig, Creeping rubber plant, Ivy-like fig, and *Ok-gue* (Chinese).

Warning – handling the plant can cause photosensitive skin and dermatitis in subsequent sunlight.

Pumila is Latin (dwarf).

In China and Japan the fruit are eaten in puddings.

Climbing fig is believed to have been introduced to Europe in about 1721.