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Brown Turkey Fig

Ficus carica 'Brown Turkey'

Height: 10 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: (annual)

Description:

An attractive patio and indoor plant that produces exceptionally sweet fruit in the early summer.

Edible Qualities

Brown Turkey Fig is a annual that is typically grown for its edible qualities, although it does have ornamental merits as well. It produces coppery-bronze fruit (technically 'pomes') with a plum purple blush and gold flesh which are typically harvested when mature. The fruits have a sweet taste and a fleshy texture.

The fruit are most often used in the following ways:

- Fresh Eating
- Cooking
- Preserves

Planting & Growing

Brown Turkey Fig will grow to be about 10 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground. This annual will normally live for one full growing season, needing replacement the following year.



Brown Turkey Fig fruit
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This plant is quite ornamental as well as edible, and is as much at home in a landscape or flower garden as it is in a designated edibles garden. It does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH, and is able to handle environmental salt. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Brown Turkey Fig is a good choice for the edible garden, but it is also well-suited for use in outdoor pots and containers. Because of its height, it is often used as a 'thriller' in the 'spiller-thriller-filler' container combination; plant it near the center of the pot, surrounded by smaller plants and those that spill over the edges. It is even sizeable enough that it can be grown alone in a suitable container. Note that when growing plants in outdoor containers and baskets, they may require more frequent waterings than they would in the yard or garden.



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