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BOTANICAL NAME

Ficus elastica Roxb. ex Hornem.

COMMON NAME

Indian Rubber Tree, Rubber plant.

FAMILY

Moreceae

**DISTRIBUTION**

It is found in South-East Asia, Eastern Himalayan region

FUN FACT

This tree originally grew in the Amazon Basin in South America but the Europeans brought rubber trees to other tropical regions like Southern Asia, and West Africa. Asia is the largest producer of Rubber which is obtained from this tree.

COMMON USES

1. The latex of the plant was used to make rubber.
 2. It is widely grown as an ornamental plant, both outdoors and indoors.
 3. It also has air-purifying properties.
 4. The plant possesses compounds with antimicrobial properties.
 5. The leaf extracts are used in the treatment of skin diseases.
- However, this information must be used only under medical supervision.

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