

Thai Name: Pho Ke Nok

Scientific name: *Ficus rumphii*

Family: Moraceae



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Flowering												
Fruiting												

*Produces fruit several times a year. You can fill in this calendar when you have observed when your mother tree flowers and fruits.



How to grow saplings from seed?

Usually this species produces fruit throughout the year; however the best time for seed collection is in February, by cutting figs from parent trees when they are fully ripe. Break open figs and scrape out the tiny light brown fruits, each of which contains a single seed. Drop achenes into water and select the non-viable ones (seeds that float). Spread them out on paper and leave them to dry in the sun for 2 days; then sow them sparsely into germination trays, containing a mix of forest soil and sand (1:1) to prevent damping-off. After germination seedlings grow slowly and take about 8 months before they are robust enough for pricking-out. After potting, saplings grow rapidly and are ready for planting on the second planting season (total time in the nursery is 17 months). Propagation by cutting has also been recommended to produce planting stock within a year.

How should saplings be planted and cared for?

Apply a cardboard mulch mat at planting time. Weed and apply fertiliser as necessary.

Uses

Leaves are good fodder. Fruits are said to be edible.

Framework Species Checklist	
High Survival	
High Growth	
Shady Crown	
Resilient to Fire	
Attractive to wildlife	

