

Carmona Microphylla (Fuiken/Fuijan Tea) Bonsai Tree Care Sheet



Introduction.

This Bonsai tree care guide describes how to look after a Carmona Microphylla (Fuiken Tea) Bonsai tree which gets its name from the Chinese Province of Fukien (Fuijan) where this species originates, the Fuiken Tea is also native to Japan, Korea and Taiwan and is grown extensively throughout Asia as Bonsai. With proper care Fuiken tea Bonsai trees can be very rewarding and are worth the effort to get the conditions right for this species to flourish. Follow these guide lines and you will have a healthy Fuiken tea Bonsai tree.

Where To Keep Them/Watering.

Position your tree where it will have natural daylight not direct sunlight, any room that has a window; the tree will be happy.

Water when the surface of the potting granules/grit lightens in colour.

Repotting/Wiring/Feeding/And Pruning.

You should aim to re-pot your Fuiken tea Bonsai tree every 2-3 years in early to mid spring, but only if the roots have become pot bound. If your Bonsai tree has a good root system you should be able to gently lift it out of the pot in spring (you may need to snip the wire underneath the pot if the Bonsai tree is wired in) and take a look at the roots to see if they are pot bound, if so you should repot your Bonsai tree, if the roots seem ok then leave re-potting till the following year. When it does become necessary to repot your Fuiken Tea Bonsai tree, you should use a good quality free draining Bonsai soil.

Akadama Bonsai soil or Seramis (which your new tree may well be potted in) is an excellent choice. It is important not to fertilize your Bonsai tree for around four weeks after re-potting as doing so can burn the new roots that your Bonsai tree will be developing, after this period carry on fertilizing as usual.

You should **fertilize** your Bonsai tree all year round, usually every two weeks is sufficient, with a balanced fertilizer such as NPK. **Pruning**, including hard pruning, can be done all year round on healthy Fuiken Tea Bonsai trees, simply trim back new growth to keep the shape of your Bonsai tree.

Depending upon placement, IT IS RECOMMENDED TO ROTATE YOUR BONSAI A QUARTER TURN EVERY WEEK TO ENSURE NATURAL LIGHT REACHES ALL PARTS OF YOUR BONSAI.

N.B. The best way to ensure you keep your Bonsai tree healthy is to do as much research as possible (Internet and or books) on the particular species you own and also Bonsai in general as this will give you a broader understanding of the subject and will give you a far better chance of success with your Bonsai tree.

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