



Rawalpindi Medical University Plantation Information

Bargad

English Name:

Banyan fig

Scientific Name:

Ficus benghalensis

Family:

Moraceae

Origin:

Indian Subcontinent

Importance:

Banyan seeds can fall and grow near a tree, sometimes from the very tree from which they come, and they also usually germinate in a hollow in a trunk or in a wall or rock. Gradually they begin to grow as they have plenty of support as epiphytes on any object they can use to climb in search of sunlight. The tree is considered sacred in India, and temples are often built nearby. Due to the large size of the tree's canopy, it provides useful shade in hot climates.

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