

fig species in the Roman world

1.g.h. Introduction - Greek sources, the ancient Romans and Muslims, we find many references The fig tree and its fruit, these references were in connection with various issues such as edible fruit, fruit preservation

And drying, figs, wine, medicine figs, figs cooking, planting, assembly, pond, wood treatment, processing

Agriculture and more. List of fig varieties obtained from the sources is quite impressive though unfortunately

The sources provide us with detailed information about each species and Zen.

A.1.g.o. Mriskani (Mariscan) - (Mariscas), this species also could be planting on marginal lands, And the hills in which shallow soil. This strain was resistant to a high percentage of ground limestone, that his name may be

He named his origins. So says Kato, "planted figs variety Mriskani open limestone soil and crumbled"

. (VII. I-VIII. 2)

. B.1.g.o African (African -) (Africanas,) The origin of this species is North Africa (N.H XIX. 71-XX

75), Cato described one of his traits of type: "African species, Hrkolniani and Sgontini, they Species

(Strains) yielding winter fruit "(VII. I-VIII. 2). The words of Cato suggests that African varieties, Hrkolniani

And Sgontini are varieties which give fruit in late autumn. Tnuva's hard to know whether this is only because

Ripening is delayed, or what is coming online this summer for doing so within a second or even a third if those species

Yielding also premieres. Kolomlh wrote about it: "African Clcidian, Folkan, Midan, Klstrotian, Astrofian, Rodean, lobby, Tiborian, even those not bear fruit twice or three times a year "(V. x 11-14.)

Kolomlh's remarks indicate that this strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop during the summer and it is possible that yielded

Another crop in the fall. This species was high quality and fine taste, the African fig tree produced two or three crops

Year (including the first-born.)

And long reports that this strain was received in Italy also by seeds since receiving cuttings difficult: "Many species

Africa were brought to Italy this method (by seed) including: Czech Wine, Klkdiin, Lydian, African and species

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Others, since not been able Lhsrism by cuttings "(I. XLI. 3-6). Hard to get the words of the euro Literally, because the expansion of figs (and other fruits) source Rboiim is a mini (by seed) is problematic

very. Seeds are the result of male pollen fertilizes the female fig applied. The seed produced is mixing

Unaudited genetic traits of male and female and, inevitably leads to unplanned result (not necessarily

Bad.) Therefore can not be copied strain around by seed, unless all the fig trees in the same area

They are one species. It is possible that the information provided on the strain Bavaria was inaccurate, or that these varieties grown from seeds

Which contain the genetic material of the African Enter and clear varieties grown from seeds are elected African

Renewed.

Pliny commented on the origin of this breed, and since when this species is found in Rome:

"African and fig, many

People prefer it over other varieties. This race was moved to us just lately from Africa "

(N.H. XV. XIX.68-71), and another source further wrote: "But the African and Hhrkolni and fig Hsgontini

Bums winter and a long black sting, it should be planted in rich soil or soil dystrophy

Well "(N.H. XV. XIX. 71-XX .75). It turns out that in order to give these fig species are abundant frame needed

Deep soil well aerated and fertilized.

And another source has an interesting anecdote related Pliny this species: "There is a strain even Kato called it a fig

African, it reminds us that he used the fruit (African) outstanding display. He (Kato) hated

The Hkrtgniim (people of Carthage enemies of Rome) because he took care of the safety of descendants. And at each meeting of the

The Senate is used to say "Shit of Hkrtgniim". And, on one occasion he brought home a fig Premature and immature Mhfrobntzih Carthage (Africa) and showed that fathers (the Senate) and said: When you

Think this fruit plucked from the tree? And everyone agreed that fresh fig, fig and then he said this Narth

Wednesday in Carthage and is convinced that our enemies near the walls of our city. These fathers immediately initiated

Third Punic War which defeated Carthage. Cato died a year after the Punic War

The third "(N.H. XV. XIX. 71-XX .75). Except his words indicate that she had good taste also resistant properties

(Shelf life) is good and fig saved several days without refrigeration, beauty is not impaired even after the rolling road

Sea Carthage to Rome. The source of this is the African fig, fig tree was one of the African species

Rome also common. This fig considered very high quality, it has produced two or three crops a year, to

Get a quality crop land is in need of a deep and airy, the beauty and the shelf My Life "had its good.

G.1.g.o. Hrkolniani (Herculanean) - (Herculaneas), Kato describes this species: "Species

African Hrkolniani and Sgontini, are species (varieties) yielding winter fruit "(VII. I-VIII. 2). It is possible

Enter the source or place of upbringing town Hrkolinaom (Rome) who was buried in volcanic ash in 79 AD together

The Pompeii eruption of Mount Vesuvius, or the name of the person brought to Rome. This species was probably Quality

And exquisite taste, fig Hhrkolniani resulted in Bethany in late autumn, the Neva was way late Usually an advantage, since the advent of figs midst of the regular season (July and August) it has no advantage, supply

Large market, low prices, competitors and other fruits on the customer's pocket. But the advent of figs

Late autumn more rare, and tends to increase the price of fruit, other fruit (apple, almond, pomegranate and others)

Are declining this season, and fresh fruit edible fruit door season is vital and attractive. Hard to know whether

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Fruit yield was only later, or what is coming online this summer for doing so within a second or even third degree

These varieties yield and also premieres.

Pliny also mentioned this species' But African and Hhrkolni and Hsgontini fig Bums winter and a sting

Black and long, it should be planted in rich or fatty ground well "(N.H. XV. XIX. 71-XX .75).

It turns out that in order for these fig species are abundant bulls will need deep soil well aerated and fertilized.

D.1.g.o. Sgontini (Saguntine) - (Sacontinas,) Pliny the species mentioned above (N.H. XV. XIX. 71-XX

75). Porush Latin name is also 'blood, may this Zen named after its red color (purple). Also see Bazan explained above, Hrkolniani, 'It is possible that the name comes from the name, or the name of the region where he grew up in Italy.

H.1.g.o. Patched black, Htlaniani (black Tellanian -) (Tellanas atras), this strain was strain Quality is recommended for planting which is black in color, and excelled in his long stinger, sensitive to soil conditions, soil

Regiment rich people, so Cato says: "Black and enter Htlaniani a long stinger, the better for him in the ground

Rich or well-fertilized "(VII. I-VIII. 2). Even Pliny mentioned this strain:" But African and Hhrkolni And Hsgontini fig Bums winter and a long black sting, it should be planted in rich soil or Fatty ground well "(N.H. XV. XIX. 71-XX .75). Kato desert (above, African) indicates that Strain African Hrkolniani and Sgontini are varieties which give fruit in late autumn, it is not clear whether he meant his words

Zen also idle or not. Cato's comment on the type Bums - "Black has long sting" interesting, and reminds

We have the sub idolatry: "These things are not allowed to sell the idolaters: Atztroblin and girls Shuah

And Ftotrotihn, and frankincense, and white chicken ... and all the other things, there are signs of permitted and prohibited Proshan. Rabbi Meir says even Teva and carved palm and Nklips not be sold to the heathen "(idolatry FFA from the"; Bavli, vows AA CA). Sub

The kind of work which Jews were forbidden to sell non-Jew, because there is concern that it will use to

His idolatry. In the list of 'prohibited' are also Thani and Ftotrotihn girls Shuah. The Talmud (Avodah Zarah

Hand CA) explains that he used to hang these figs Baoktzihm before the idol, that's why there is not selling

Only the figs, but also the Ftotrotihn. It is reasonable to say that the figs were used primarily decorative ornament

Idolatry, and this is probably due to the impressive size, long edge and appearances that have created. indeed

Name (see above in the "Girls Shuah), we concluded that girls are Shuah white figs, but sources indicate that there were

Girls Shuah, and Shuah were girls and Ftotrotihn, may have had a number of varieties girls Shuah, as he concluded there 'additions. "It is possible

Zen and Ftotrotihn Shuah girls were the black varieties and Italy was renamed 'Tlaniani. (It is possible, of course,

The explanation for the RS Lieberman Y. Felix above about Girls Shuah, which allowed the girls Shuah figs are not included). As

Also in order to reach a maximum harvest of this species and of good quality planting land had to be deep ventilation

And contented and marginal lands.

. And .1.g.o Liooan (Livian -) (Livianae,) is one of the varieties of quality, yielded two or three crops a year,

It is possible that the source of the name on the name of the person who brought it to Rome from North Africa, and this breed title by Kolomlh:

"We need to plant the kinds of figs following: Hllooan, African Clcidian, Folkan, Midan, Astrofian, Rodean, lobby, Tibornian, even those not bear fruit twice or three times a year "(V. x 11-14.) Desert Kolomlh

We can conclude that these varieties were recommended for planting, which resulted Thani quality. This strain produced fine crops and several

Times a year. Summer harvest, autumn harvest, and some of them premieres. Fig Pliny also mentioned this: "figs

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Leadings machines that, in the name of the people who brought them to Rome, such as Pompey varieties Livia and, last

Two is best to dry in the sun, to use it all year "(N.H. XV. XIX .68-71)

Pliny says that the name of this variety is the name of the man who brought him to Italy, this variety was very appropriate

Julian drying and well maintained every year, and from this we learn that the fruit was green and fruit varieties were slightly

Liquids, and thus was sweet.

. Z.1.g.o Clcidian (Chalcidian -) (Chalcidicae,) explained the variety Hlioan see, the origin of this variety is

Africa (it may have originated in southern Asia Minor - Cilicia.) And long reports that this strain was received well by Italy

Seeds and cuttings since its difficult reception (i XLI. 3-6). See Hartno for sowing the seeds figs (above

'African'). Kolomlh wrote more about this strain: "African Clcidian, Folkan, Midan, Klstrotian, Astrofian, Rodean, lobby, Tibornian, even those not bear fruit twice or three times a year "(V. x 11-14.)

Kolomlh's words show that the quality of this variety is reflected Bio permit number of seasons coming online. This strain produced

Apparently premieres in early summer, more crop during the summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

.h.1.g.o Czech wine (Chian -) (Chiae,) and Aro says that the origin of this variety is Africa, this species caught in Italy

Also by seeds and cuttings since receiving difficult (i XLI. 3-6), see fig Hartno on sowing seeds (Above, African). ' Pliny summarized what he knew about the kinds of figs and describes the shape of this variety: "There

Fig-like chest Ya (God) and have similarities Qian, Zion with wine "(N.H. XV. XIX .68-71).

T.1.g.o. Folkan (Fulcan) - (Fulcae,) explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that the name comes from the name. See

There's remark Kolomlh (V. x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop during the summer and may

That yielded more in the fall.

. l.1.g.o Midan (Lydian) - (Lydiae), explained the variety Hlioan see, the origin of this breed is from North Africa,

It is possible that by the name of a place or origin raised (Lydiay) West Central Asia Minor near the city of Izmir

Turkey today. And long reports that this strain was received in Italy also by seeds since absorbing hard cuttings

(I XLI. 3-6). See Hartno for sowing the seeds figs (above 'African'). See comment by Kolomlh species

Helio Neo (V x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop during the summer and may have yielded more

Autumn. Pliny said that the color of these purple figs, female breast shape and have similarities to Zen Chien (.N.H

(XV. XIX. 68-71

.1.g.o K. Klstrotian (Callistruthian -) (Callistruthiae,) explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that

By the name of a place of growth. See comment by Kolomlh Hlioan species (V. x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early

Summer, more crop during the summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

.1.g.o L. Astrofian (Astropian) - (Astropiae), explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that by the name

Origin. See comment by Kolomlh Hlioan species (V. x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop

During the summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

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Ig.1.g.h. Rodean (Rhodian -) (Rhodiae,) explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that the name comes from the name (

Rhodes). See comment by Kolomlh Hlioan species (V. x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early summer crop

More during the summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

.1.g.o Hand. Lobby (Libyan -) (Libycae), explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that the name comes from the name of Libya.

See comment by Kolomlh Hlioan species (V. x 11-14). This strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop during

Summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

.1.g.o Tons. Tibornian (Tiburnian) - (Tiburnae,) explained the variety Hlioan see, it is possible that by the name

Origin. See comment by Kolomlh Hlioan species (V. x 11-14) This strain produced premieres in early summer, more crop

During the summer and may have yielded more in the fall.

.1.g.o P. Indian fig (Indian) - (Ibi), Pliny described this species: "There is another fig tree which has fruit

Larger and finer taste. Saints are held in India this species. Foliage of a tree similar to the wings of

Bird. The dimensions of the wood about a meter and a half in length and meters wide. Fruit tree growing on the outer shell

(As established) and fruit so sweet. Bundle (cluster) of nutritious fruits 4 people "(N.H. XII. X. 21- XII. 24).

Pliny's account of it we do not know for sure whether this is a fig, or put text, however, or the other sex

Hfikosiim family. The size of the tree relatively small average fig tree. Description leaves of the tree could also be

The fig though most species of fig leaves configuration is as fingers (three or more). Fruits that grow on

The bark of the tree, if it is only the major industries there is similarity sycamore tree, if the fruit grows on all sectors

The tree then appropriate to describe the fig tree. If you fancy description for this fruit grows bundle (cluster) fruit that

So it does not fit the definition of a fig (its fruit clusters and individual sizes). Find aforesaid tree

India.

Another source described Pliny the Indian fig "Indian fig fruit bearing exception, and fig This ability to self plurality. The branches are long and the lower bend to the ground, the branches come into contact with

Ground and takes root in it (the pool) and finally formed a wide circle around the stem of the fig is. In the summer grazing

Live in a thicket of fig trees that shaded place and figs from spectacular shows. The upper branches

Growing up considerable height. In many cases, the fig tree diameter group to reach 50m.

"They cover

With a quarter of a mile in their shadow. The leaves are wide and have protective Amazon, they cover the fruit and prevent them

grow. This fig tree is not much fruit. And Dragonfly no bigger than a legume. As he matures by ray

The sun shining through the foliage, because each of these has a sweetish taste "(N.H. XII. X. 21- XII. 24).

From his words that the fruit sweet, good plurality capacity by implantation, many Syrians, no height, and a large diameter,

The low yields and grain size beans. The difference is reflected in both the size and shape of growth figs, and volume

Tree. This description of Pliny much closer description of the fig tree that we know, if that is different

Absolute first description, but the two trees he calls Kataneh Indian. It is possible that these two trees belong

Ficus fruit family, the first closer sycamore tree, and the other closer to the fig tree that we know. Although it is possible that two other accounts describe family trees Hfikosiim.

.iz.1.g.o Carian (Carian) (- Caricas), Pliny wrote about this strain: "Among the other varieties of figs Syria

(Brought from Syria,) is where Zen Carian, and figs have a little more of the same category, which he wrote Kutna "

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(N.H. XIII. IX. 49- XI. 53). Words of Pliny we learn that it was a strain originating in Syria, there were no cows

Large. As long as we learn from Pliny that many high-quality varieties were brought to Italy from Syria, it is possible that this species also

Included among them.

Another source wrote about this species Pliny: "Thani Carian were known by their shells, it was necessary to eat them

Peel the bark, compared to that dried figs are a guarantee to smile "(N.H. XV.XXXIV. 114-117). Desert

Pliny we learn that this strain is not one of the species of quality, thick and rough bark prevented Mlaoclo fresh fruit without

Peeling bark. We lacked the fruit became big when we gave up the drying and preserving fruit, bark splitting prevented

The fruit during drying, drying at the end of the evening he was smiling. Thani winter usually wear shell

Thick and difficult to eat, it is one Zen may also Thani Group is the winter. One might compare this strain Thani

'Fencing' Land of Israel, which is not eaten but after poaching - soaking in water as thick husk and taste

Handle (PG seventh Toseftah here; Jerusalem, in the seventh PD, and "La H) C."

.1.g.o S. Fig Egypt (Egyptian -) (Egyptia,) fig Pliny described it in his book: "Egypt has Many tree species that elsewhere. No fig children elsewhere and is named after an Egyptian fig, tree

Strawberry foliage similar in size and appearance. He carries his cows not branches, but the race (possibly Sycamore)

This fig is very sweet without pits inside. It produces a very high yield. The fruit will ripen only if they do it

Cut with an iron hook, otherwise it will not ripen. After doing this operation must wait three days and then be

Pick it. Instead of reaping the fruit is formed another fruit. So this tree yielding seven crops of figs

Juicy summer, even if you do not make the cut this new fruits are created under the existing fruit.

And 'plots' the first fruit before it ripens. Four times in the summer. This fig advice changed

In other species, and is very useful. Once he race was cut, placed in shallow water,

Wood sinks down initially but then it rises again when he starts to float up to the surface, it

. (N.H. XIII. XIV. 56- XVI. 59) "ready to use the tree symbol

Although Pliny calls the fig tree, but most of the immigrant signs directed tree's account of the fact that the tree is

Sycamore, or one of his close family trees Hfikosiim. The tree's origins in Egypt, the size of the tree

Suitable for both fig and restore it. Description leaves of the tree, the bull and growth, by the fruit on the tree branches and a number of major

Crop year, better suited to restore it, Description incision which make the fruit to mature secretary of the action

Punch and pin figs, although sycamore fruit were made to accelerate the ripening of the fruit.

The use of

Beams for construction or any other purpose coincides with what we know about the use of Sycamore resume construction in Israel

(Toseftah offerings (Tzokrmandl) Fi"g the approximately ").

Another source Pliny mentions these figs again: "There are competing figs with pears in size, figs

Egyptian and Cyprriot've imagined the Flaihm "(N.H. XV. XVIII. 66- XIX. 68). Generally small sycamore fruit

More from the fig tree, but this source suggests that these were very large fruit. It is possible that there were a number of Ficus species

Egypt, some with small fruits (Sycamore) was more like some fig tree and its fruit rather large.

.c.1.g.o Fig Cyprus, Kifrianit (Cyprian) - (Cyprin), Pliny described this species: "The tree

To some extent similar to the Egyptian fig tree is growing on the island of Crete, called a fig tree Kifrianit. Is subject

Fruit of the race. And the branches once they had reached the desired thickness. Fig Hkifrianit growth buds without

Leaves similar to the root. Trunk of the tree is like cypress and elm tree foliage as it is bearing fruit four times

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Year and produces the same number of times buds, unripe figs do not ripen unless they do cut fruit

Remove the liquid from the fruit and then they ripen. It has a sweet taste and inside they look normal and seeds Kataneh

The size of a grain of the wood "(N.H. XIII. XIV. 56- XVI. 59). Pliny remarks costs even more certainty that this tree is

Sycamore See explanatory notes above the rest '(Egyptian fig).'

This tree also mentions Pliny the source added: "There are competing figs with pears in size, the Egyptian figs

And Cypriot've imagined the Flaihm "(N.H. XV. XVIII. 66- XIX. 68). In general the smaller the fruit of the sycamore

Fig, but this source suggests that these were very large fruit. As explained above (fig Egyptian) may

There were several kinds of ficus trees, including sycamore and fig, Pliny does not grant anyone the trees a different name.

.1.g.o Here. S lust purple (Sea-fig red bark) - (Sed ficus rubro,) Pliny describes Zen

It "s lust have, it does not have a lot of leaves and tree bark color purple" (N.H. XIII. XLIX. 138- LI. 141). desert

Pliny short we can conclude that this fig tree growing along the beaches, proximity to the sea has shown the high humidity,

Hence it was edible fresh fruit species. Dry varieties need a hot, dry climate, and sculptured inside the country

The central mountain ridge and beautiful succeeds. You planted near the sea could lead to missing the fruit. Pliny's remarks

We learn that the color of it was purple fig (purple - pink).

.1.g.o Hon. Dror lust handsome (Pretty-sparrow -) (Farti sapore,) Pliny describes it: s "and Dror called handsome sex and previous immigrants and taste the cool strains figs "(N.H. XV. XIX

68-71.). Pliny describes this unique name figs, fig violations that were very high quality. Hard to understand

He said that "understands the figs are cool", is meant the fruit itself, then its meaning is not sufficiently clear. But if

The explanation that the tree grows in the cool then it is the highest mountain fruit growing
(about 750-600 meters above
Sea)