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SYCAMORE.

(*Ficus sycamorus*).

The sycamore tree, or Egyptian Fig, bears little resemblance to our own tree of that name except somewhat in the shape and gloss of the leaves. It is a true fig though the fruits are small. Sycamore figs require to be cut open at the free end to allow of the escape of small flies, born within, before the fruits can become sweet and edible; even then they are only eaten, in Egypt, by the poor who caprify them for the purpose. The sycamore was symbolical of the "tree of life" in Egyptian cult.

"Zacchaeus . . . he ran before, and climbed up into a *sycamore* tree to see him". Luke xiv, 4.

"But it was a herdsman, and gatherer of *sycamore* fruit". Amos vii, 14.

"He destroyed their vines with hail, and their *sycamore* trees with frost". Ps. lxxviii, 47.

"As the *sycamore* trees that are in the vale, for abundance". I Kings x, 27.

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