

Did You Know?

**FIGS CAN  
CONTAIN DEAD  
WASPS**



- **Fig trees have a unique pollination process that involves a symbiotic relationship with a specific species of wasp known as a fig wasp.**
- **The wasp enters the fig's syconium to lay its eggs and pollinate the flowers inside. In the process, some wasps may die inside the fig.**
- **However, the fig's enzymes and natural defense mechanisms often break down the wasp's body, making it unnoticeable or part of the fig's protein content.**

**Note:** Not all figs contain dead wasps. Many commercial figs (varieties found in grocery stores), are cultivated without the presence of wasps or their eggs. These figs can develop without pollination.

