PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus lepicarpa Blume

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Saraca fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The young shoots are eaten raw as a vegetable.
The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It grows 5-15 m tall. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaves are broadly oval and 11-32 cm long by 4-15 cm wide. The fruit is a fig. It is oval and 1-3 cm across. It is yellow-brown. There are often 1-2 together in the axils of leaves along the twigs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It mostly grows along streams. It grows in humid forests and on rocky banks of rivers. It grows up to 1,700 m above sea level. It can be on limestone.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

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