PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus hederacea Roxb.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Beduli

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The ripe fruit are mixed with salt and eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a climbing evergreen shrub. The stems and branches form aerial roots at the nodes. The leaves are 6-11 cm long by 4-5 cm wide. They are thickly leathery. The figs are round or oval. They are 1-1.5 cm across. They are orange-yellow or pink. They become black with pale dots when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows up to 2000 m altitude in Uttar Pradesh in India. In the Indian Himalayas it grows between 1,300-2,000 m above sea level. In southern China it grows between 500-700 m above sea level and up to 1,500 m.

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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