PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus albipila (Miq.) King

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Rocket Fig, Abbey Tree, Poison Fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a tall tree. It grows 20-30 m high and spreads 15-25 m wide. The crown is widely spreading. The trunk is long. There are buttresses at the base. The bark is grey with green blotches. Young shoots have soft white hairs. The leaves are alternate. They are 10-14 cm long by 7-10 cm wide. They are oval or heart shaped. The leaf stalks are 2.5-4 cm long. Leaves taper to the tip. The fig is 1-2 cm across. They are black and in the axils of leaves. They are covered with white hairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In tropical Queensland it grows from sea level to 270 m altitude. In Indonesia it grows up to 1,200 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed. They can probably also be grown by aerial layering.

NOTES

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

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