PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus verruculosa Warb.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Water fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a shrub or weak stemmed tree. It grows to 8-12 m high. The bark is grey. The leaves are oblong and 5-15 cm long by 2.5-7.5 cm wide. They are very thick and leathery. They are glossy green above and paler underneath. The edges of the leaves are rolled under. The figs are 1-1.3 cm across. The pore at the end is slightly raised. Fruit are in pairs in the axils of leaves. The fruit are bright red when mature.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in patches of forest and in grassland. It is always near water. It forms low clumps in swamp forest.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The pollinating wasp is Platyscapa binghami Wiebes.

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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