PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus hesperidiiformis King

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a large spreading tree. It grows 13-20 m tall. It can be a strangler. The trunk can be 35 cm across. The bark is light grey and has rings of lenticels. It has large boat shaped stipules. The leaves are dark glossy green above and pale bluish green underneath. The leaves are 50 cm long by 25 cm wide. The fruit are yellowish red. They occur in pairs and are cylinder shaped with 2 ridges. The fruit are 10 cm long by 8 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It has been collected in the Western District of PNG and near Lae.

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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