PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus amplissima Sm.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Pipri

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten. They are cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a large tree. It loses its leaves during the year. It grows 18 m tall. The branches are spreading. It usually has aerial roots. The bark is greenish-grey. The young shoots have a white covering. The leaf stalks are 23-28 cm long and have a gland near the end. The leaf blades are rough and oval or narrow and 5-10 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. The fruit receptacles are in pairs in the axils of leaves or where leaves have fallen off. They are 2 cm across. They are pink or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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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