PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus odorata (Blanco) Merr.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Pakiling

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Seeds

The fleshy portion of the fruit and the seeds are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a medium sized tree or shrub. The smaller branches are long and usually hang down. The leaves have a sweet smell while drying and end with a blunt point. They are heart shaped at the base and the lobes are very unequal in size and shape. The edges of the leaves can be entire or toothed. The fruit are in the axils of leaves and mostly produced singly although sometimes in pairs.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. Throughout the Philippines they are confined to water sources.

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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