PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus neriifolia Smith

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Willow leaf fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

Ripe figs are eaten.
The young shoots are eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It grows 15 m high. It has smooth greyish brown bark. The young branches are green. The leaves are alternate. They are 13-15 cm long by 3-6.5 cm wide. Leaves are oval or sword shaped. They taper to a long tip. There are 3 main veins and 8-12 pairs of side veins. The fruit are figs which are round but flattened. They are red when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows in cool tropical places. Plants are grown in Nepal between 500-2200 m altitude. They grow in open places. In China it grows in broadleaf evergreen forests between 1500-2400 m altitude in S China.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

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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