PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus annulata Blume

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a large tree. It grows attached to other trees when young. The leafy growth at the base of the leaf is sword shaped and 2.5-6 cm long. The leaf blade is narrow and oval. It is 13-28 cm long by 5-8 cm wide. It is thinly leathery. It is dark green above and pale green underneath. The base is wedge shaped and it tapers to a short tip. There are 2 veins at the base then 12-17 secondary side veins on each side of the main vein. These are easy to see underneath the leaf. The figs are in pairs in the axils of leaves. They are orange red when mature. They have scattered white spots. They are oval and 2-2.5 cm long by 1.5-2 cm wide. The fruit stalk is strong and 1-1.5 cm long.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in mountain forests between 500-1300 m altitude in Yunnan in S China. In Borneo it grows up to 600 m above sea level.

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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