PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus ilicina (Sond.) Miq.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Laurel fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw as a snack.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It is about 4.5 m tall. It spreads sideways and clasps the rocks. The white trunk spreads over the rock surface. The branches are pale, long and thin. The leaves are carried at the ends of the branches. The leaves are dark and slender. They are smooth and thick. They are 2.5-10 cm long and 5 cm wide. The leaf base varies in shape. The leaves are carried on yellow or red stalks. These are about 1 cm long. The fruit are small and round. They are on short stalks either singly or in pairs. They are edible.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It mostly grows in rocky places. It grows in hot arid areas. It grows in semi-arid areas. It grows between 133-1,450 m above sea level. It can grow in arid places.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The wasp pollinator is Elisabethiella enriquesi (Grandi).

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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