PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus formosana Maxim.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Maleixigu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A fig tree. It is a shrub 2-3 m tall. The branches have short hairs when young. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 4-12 cm long by 2-4 cm wide. The figs grown in the axils of leaves. They occur singly. The fruit are blackish.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in secondary forest. It grows below 1500 m altitude in Yunnan in China.

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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