PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus maclellandii King

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Azalea leaf fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaf buds

The leaf buds are used as a fresh vegetable or baked then dried and stored.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a tree. It grows 15-20 m tall. The bark is grey and smooth. The branches have lumps on them. The leaves are 8-13 cm long. They have 2 forms. The lower branches have more narrow leaves. The figs are in the axils of leaves. They are purplish red when ripe. They are round and 6-8 mm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in thin forests and near streams. In China it grows between 400-1,200 m above sea level. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown from cuttings.

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