PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus arnottiana (Miq.) Miq.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Indian rock fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves - tea, Fruit

The leaves are boiled and dried and then used for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a shrub or small tree. It grows 10 m tall. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are simple and alternate or in spirals. The leaf stalk is 3-10 cm long. The leaf blade is 6-20 cm long by 5-13 cm wide. It is oval with a deeply heart shaped base. The fruit are figs that occur in pairs or crowded near the tips. They are yellow-brown when ripe and 5-7 mm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in rock crevices between 1000-1500 m altitude in India.

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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