PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus masonii Horne ex Baker,

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Nunu, Masimasi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The figs are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a shrub or slender tree. It can grow 2-15 m high. It has white latex. The figs are green or yellow but turn deep red as they ripen. They are usually in clusters on the trunks or branches. Figs occur throughout the year.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 1,150 m altitude. It is usually in dense forest.

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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