PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus pumila var. awkeotsang (Makino) Corner

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Chinese jello, Love jade seed

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - gelatin

Gelatin is purified from the seeds. It is also used for a popular drink.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a creeping evergreen vine. It trails on tree trunks and over rocks. The small branches are reddish-brown. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 6-15 cm long and 4-6 cm wide. They are hairy underneath. The figs are oblong and black and 6-10 in a group are 5 cm long by 3-5 cm wide.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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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