PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus novae-georgiae Corner

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Malifu

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves are cooked and eaten.
They are also chewed in place of betel nut with lime and pepper leaf.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It develops buttresses. The leaves are less rough than Ficus copiosa.. Each leaf node produces a pair of medium sized fruit about 1.5 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It occurs in the lowlands.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

PICTURES



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