PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus salicifolia Vahl

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Wonderboom fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

Ripe fruit can be eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a spreading evergreen tree. It grows 10-20 m tall. The crown is slightly open. The bark on young branches is smooth. It is rough and grey on older stems. The leaves are simple. They are thickly leathery. The taper to a broad tip. The figs are along the branches in axils of leaves. The figs are 5-8 mm wide. They turn yellowish-pink when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It can tolerate drought. It is damaged by frost. It grows in areas with an annual rainfall below 100 mm. It can grow in arid places. It often grows on rocky outcrops and cliffs near water.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or from large branch cuttings. The seeds need to be fresh. They are very small and are mixed with fine sand for sowing. Seeds germinate in 15-20 days. Cuttings root easily if treated with rooting hormone.

Harvesting and Seed Production

It is fast growing.

PICTURES



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