PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus heterophylla Linn.f.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Creeping fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are cooked and eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a shrub. It often lies over. The young branches are reddish-brown. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and 7-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. Young leaves have lobes along the stalk. The figs are in the axils of older branches. They occur singly and are yellowish orange when ripe.

HABITAT

It grows in the tropics. It grows in moist valleys and along streams beween 400-800 m above sea level in southern China.

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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