PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus petersii Warb.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Peter's fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The fruit are eaten as a snack.
They are also used to make an alcoholic drink. Caution: Alcohol is a cause of cancer.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a tree. It grows 20 m high. Young branches are hairy. The leaves are broadly sword shaped and taper to the base. They have a short tip. They are 2-8 cm long and 2-4 cm wide. There are 6-8 veins on each side that form a loop near the edge. The figs usually occur as two together in the axils of leaves. They are oval and 10 cm long by 9 cm wide. They are a reddish colour when ripe.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in woodland and bushland. It grows on rocky places and termite mounds. It grows up to 1,400 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The wasp pollinator is Alfonsiella binghami.

Harvesting and Seed Production

A fruit weighs about 5 g.

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