PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus polita Vahl

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Wild rubber fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit

The fruit are eaten.
The young leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A strangler fig that becomes a large tree. It grows 10-16 m tall. The bark is light brown. It flakes in small sections. The leaves are broadly oval. They are 6-15 cm long by 4-10 cm wide. They are dark green and glossy above and paler underneath. The tip narrows to a point. The base is rounded. The figs are 1.5-3 cm across. They normally occur in pairs. They can be on the branches or the trunk. They are green and warty.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest, coastal forest and dune forest. It grows up to 1,500 m above sea level.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The wasp pollinator is Courtella bekiliensis.

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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