PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus trichopoda Baker

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Swamp fig, Hippo fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

The fruit are eaten fresh.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It grows up to 15 m tall. The stem often lies over above water or damp ground. It has many prop roots. The bark is smooth and green to brown. The leaves are alternate and simple. The leaves are entire and heart shaped. They are large. They are 8-30 cm long by 12-23 cm wide. There are 7-11 veins on either side of the midrib. The veins are whitish above above and red below. The leaf stalk is 4.5 cm long. The figs are in the axils of leaves near the ends of branches. They are 1-2 cm across. They are bright red when ripe.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in swamp forest and in swampy areas. It grows from sea level to 1,200 m altitude.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

The pollinating wasp is Elisabethiella bergi.

Harvesting and Seed Production

A fig weighs about 4 g.

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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