PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus itoana Diels

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Leaves

The young leaves are eaten.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a tree with small buttresses. The bark is thin. The leaves are green on the top surface with white veins and underneath the leaf is light dull green. The leaf is 29 cm long by 12 cm wide. The leaf stalk is 7 cm long. There are 8 to 10 pairs of side veins. The fruit are bright green and turn red. They are pear shaped with small bracts near the base. The fruit are produced on the stem below the leaves on a thick, rough twig. The fruit are 2 cm across.

HABITAT

A tropical plant.

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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