PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus congesta Roxb.

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Red leaf fig, Cluster fig

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is a small tree. It grows 6-12 m high and spreads 4-10 m wide. The trunk is short. It can have several stems. The bark is grey and smooth. The leaves are simple and 12-25 cm long. They are sandpapery on both sides. There are also hairs on both sides. New leaves are red. The fruit are about 25 mm across and round. The fruit can occur singly, in the axils of leaves or on branches or stems or on runners along the ground. The fruit are edible.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. They grow naturally in rainforest in Queensland and the Northern Territory in Australia. It is often along the edges of streams. It grows from sea level to 1030 m altitude. In Townsville Anderson BG.

PRODUCTION

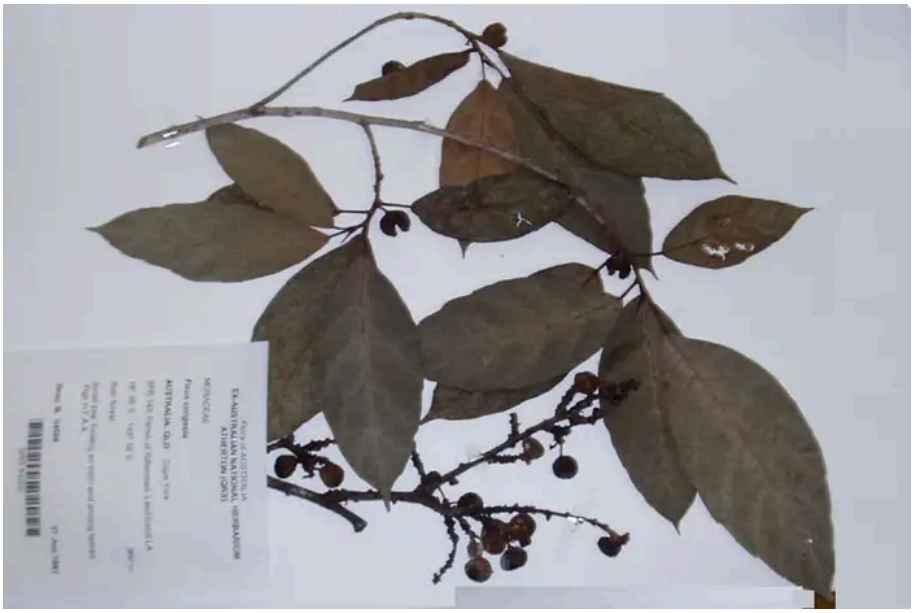
Cultivation

It can be grown from seed or by aerial layers of cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 800-1000 Ficus species. They are mostly in the tropics. There are 120 Ficus species in tropical America.

PICTURES



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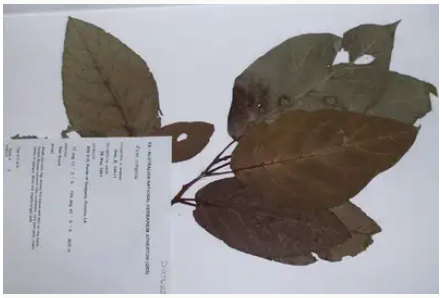

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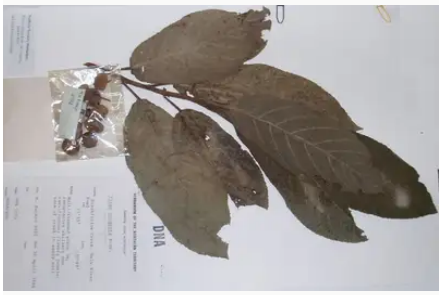

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