PLANT FACT SHEET

Ficus storckii var. kajewskii (Summerhayes) Corner

GENUS *Ficus* **FAMILY** Moraceae

COMMON NAMES Masi, Masimasi

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves

The young leaves can also be cooked as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

A fig. It is occasionally a shrub but usually a tree. It grow 3-18 m high. It has milky latex. The figs are usually close to the leaves but can be on the trunk or main branches. Figs occur throughout the year. The fruit are yellow and then turn bright orange, red or purple.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. In Fiji it grows from sea level to 1,130 m altitude. It can be in scrub near the beach or in forests or on ridges. It suits the wet tropics.

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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