

Ficus rubiginosa

(Port Jackson Fig)

Description

A small, long-lived tree that begins life as an epiphyte. Seldom exceeds 4-10m in height. A small version of a Moreton Bay Fig.

Flower and Foliage

Bright shiny leaf with a velvet rusty underside. Yellow fruits that turn red, which are ripe from February to July.

Maintenance

Large trees may develop an invasive root system. Hardy tree, requires little maintenance once initial pruning is implemented. Mildly frost tolerant.

Occurs

Found in closed forests, often near estuaries & on rocky outcrops along the Hawkesbury River & drier margins in rainforests. Prefers a well-drained soil, with adequate moisture. Best in a sunny position.

Uses

Edible fruits. Ideal for large park & garden plantings. Attracts a variety of native fauna. Ideal bonsai plant. Good shade tree.



Drought Tolerant



Frost Tolerant



Full Sun



Part Shade

Width
8-20m



Height
10-30m



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Right: <http://floragreatlakes.info/html/rfspecies/rubiginosa.html>)

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