

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Longitudinal section of fruit. Photographer Kyle_the_hacker, unknown place



Fruiting stems. Photographer Luigi Rignanese, Italy



Leaves and young fruit. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Canberra, ACT



Tree. Photographer Stefano Doglio, Italy

Common name

Fig

Family

Moraceae

Where found

Garden **escape**. Urban bushland, near habitations, moist sites, wetlands, and along streams. Mainly Sydney area and in inland towns and cities. Rarely elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced deciduous tree to 10 m high. Often producing suckers from the base of the tree and the **spreading** root system. Fruit fleshy, edible. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 5–35 cm long, 50–350 mm wide, 3–7 lobed, upper surface bristly to almost hairless, lower surface hairy, margins almost **entire** to scalloped; bases **cordate** to squared off, tips rounded. Male and female flowers functionally on different trees. Individual flowers very small, inside the figs. Figs purple when mature, almost round, pear-shaped or oval, about 30–60 mm long, covered with minute, soft, hairs. Figs single or in pairs at the bases of the leaves or on previous seasons branches. Flowers mainly summer.

VICFLORA description: <https://vicflora.rbg.vic.gov.au/flora/taxon/252e0ed3-2cf1-44c2-b653-f95076f0091a> (accessed 12 February 2021)

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