

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Almost ripe fruit. Photographer Nadiatalent, Port Macquarie



Leaves and ripe fruit. Photographer Don Wood, Central Tilba



Base of trunk. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, Royal Botanic Gardens Sydney



Tree. Photographer JMK, South Africa

Common name

Port Jackson Fig, Rusty Fig

Family

Moraceae

Where found

Forest, grassy areas, rocky sites, and near streams. Coast, ranges, and the eastern edge of the tablelands.

Notes

Tree to 30 m high, often buttressed at the base. At first **epiphytic** or growing between or over rocks. Fruit fleshy. Bark dark brown or yellowish brown, with scattered blisters, often thinly scaly. Stems rusty-hairy. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 3–20 cm long, 12–130 mm wide, thick and tough, upper surface hairless, lower surface brownish or rusty hairy, sometimes becoming almost hairless, margins **entire**. Male and female flowers on the same plant. Individual flowers very small, inside the figs. Figs usually paired, yellow turning red, usually prominently warty, more or less round, 7–20 mm in diameter, on stalks 1–19 mm long. Figs ripe Jan.-July.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lv=sp&name=Ficus-rubiginosa> (accessed 22 January, 2021)

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