

Ficus coronata Spin.

Family:
Moraceae

Spin, Marquis de (1818), *Le Jardin de St. Sebastien* Edn. 2: 13, 28.

Common name:
Creek Sandpaper Fig

Stem

Shrub or medium-sized tree to 15 m high. Bark light brown, generally smooth to non-descript. Exudate watery or milky turning brown on exposure. Stems hairy becoming hairless.

Leaves

Leaves alternate, simple. Stipules present to c. 1 cm long, hairy, falling early to leave prominent scar. Petioles to 1 cm long. Leaf blade ovate to oblong, 5-15 cm long, 2-8 cm wide, base cuneate, subcordate or rounded and often oblique, margins entire, dentate to crenulate or sometimes lobed in juveniles, leaf apex acuminate. Leaves with scabrid hairs on upper surface giving a sandpaper feel, lower surface hairy with soft erect white or brown hairs, sometimes sparsely sandpapered. Lateral veins about 5-8 pairs.

Flowers

Figs axillary, cauliflorous or ramiflorous, each fig containing many small flowers embedded along the lining of the fig wall. Flowers unisexual. Male flowers with 4-5 tepals; stamens 1 or 2. Female and gall flowers with 4-6 tepals.

Fruit

Fruit a fig (synconium), fleshy, ovoid, 1.5-2.5 cm long, hairy, \pm scabrid, purple-black when ripe, ostiole or fig opening to 4 mm diam., raised with protruding apical bracts and lateral bracts on fig surface.

Seedlings

Features not available.

Distribution and Ecology

Occurs in CEQ, near Bowen southwards to Victoria. In rainforest and gallery forest.

Synonyms

Ficus muntia Link., *Enumeratio Plantarum Horti Regii Berolinensis Altera* 2: 450 (1822), Type: "Hab. in Australia." **Ficus scabrifolia** A.Rich., *Sertum Astrolabianum. Voyage de Decouvertes de l'Astrolabe. Botanique* 2: 44, t. 17 (1834), Type: "Crescit in Novâ-Hollandiâ, loco vulgò dicto Baie Moreton." **Ficus stephanocarpa** Warb., *Repertorium Specierum Novarum Regni Vegetabilis* 1: 75 (1905), Type: "Queensland: Toowoomba, Scrub, leg. Warburg no. 18478". **Ficus stephanocarpa** Warb. var. **stephanocarpa** Maiden & Betche, *Census of New South Wales Plants*: 55, (1916).

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Maturing figs with lateral bracts. CC-BY: APII, ANBG



Trunk and cauliflorous figs. CC-BY: APII, ANBG

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