

*Bush tucker tree*



*Ficus rubiginosa* –family: MORACEAE

## ROCK FIG – RUSTY FIG – PORT JACKSON FIG

Small rainforest tree ± 15m

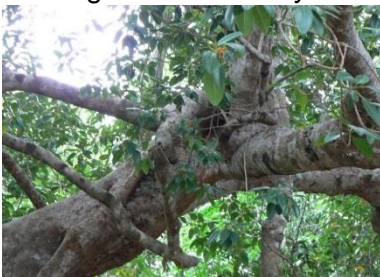
Red figs ripen throughout the year attract birds

**Cultivation:** Hardy in various conditions; sun or partial shade.

The hardiest of the native figs, this small tree is often low and spreading although it can reach 30m in a rainforest setting. It grows mainly on rocky sites with the roots



spreading over the rock surface, penetrating cracks and crevices where the soil has collected; also common in littoral, dry and subtropical rainforests. The green leathery leaves are 6-9cm long, dark green above, yellowish to grey-green beneath. This tree is a manageable size for the home garden as long as the root system is kept away from likely trouble spots. The edible figs have a warty surface and are yellow, turning red when ripe. These mainly appear from March to July but can also ripen year-round.



The fruit is eaten by many species of birds.