

## *Ficus* sp.

Nonoky

Uncommon tree bearing small figs that are an important source of food for lemurs.



### Description

*Stature:*

*Size:* large tree.

*Bark:* smooth with bark tubers or protuberances. When cut the bark exudes milky juice (latex).

*Leaves:* Palmate.

*Flower:* the numerous minute flowers line the inner wall of the fig.

*Fruit:* a fig is a 'syconium' (diam. 4-5 mm).

*Seed:* each fig contains numerous small seeds.

## Moraceae

### Striking features

- Smooth bark with small protuberances.
- latex (milky exudate).



### Ecology

*Status and distribution:*

*Habitat requirements:*

*Phenology:* deciduous. Dried figs present in November 2008.

*Kirindy:* reported to be an important source of food for lemurs. Rare near camp.

*Reproduction:* pollinated by an associated species of agaonid wasp.



Fig (diam 5 mm) on a small shoot.

### Uses

Not harvested. Wood of little value.

### Sources and further information

*General:*

*Botanical description:* Rasplus (2002), Schatz (2003) p 276. Flore de Madagascar No 55.

*Forestry:*

*Kirindy:*

*Herbarium specimen:*