



Ficus macrophylla

Common Name(s):

Moreton Bay fig

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Habitat:

Commonly planted ornamental. The seed is bird dispersed and seedlings usually start as epiphytes (so difficult to detect until well-established); as they mature they can overwhelm and kill the supporting tree. Common tree hosts include Phoenix canariensis, Butia spp., pohutukawa, titoki and plane trees. May also establish on stone walls and old buildings.

References and further reading:

Ogle, Colin; Ogle, Robyn (2010): Pollination, fruiting and spread of Moreton Bay fig (*Ficus macrophylla*) in New Zealand, with notes on other *Ficus* species *New Zealand Botanical Soc. Newsletter 100*: 9-13

For more information, visit:

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