

Sandpaper Fig

Ficus coronata



Adaptation to environment

- Tough, rough leaves discourage leaf feeders
- Many, minute flowers on inside of hollow fruit; needs specialised, small wasps to crawl in through small, terminal opening to pollinate it
- Tiny seeds pass through gut of birds & bats unaltered & thereby widely dispersed
- Tolerates wet conditions
- Can grow in shallow or infertile soil.

The background of the slide features a close-up photograph of a snake with a patterned body resting on a large, textured leaf. A green caterpillar is visible on the leaf to the left of the snake. The entire scene is overlaid with a semi-transparent orange filter.

What eats me?

- Caterpillars, especially fig beetle larvae, eat leaves
- Humans, many species of birds, possums, flying foxes eat fruit (sweet, purple-black, hairy, 2 cm long)
- Considered to be an important food for critically endangered Coxen's Fig Parrot.

• Small/medium tree to 15 m • Leaves rough & can be used as sandpaper • Delicious soft, black fruit • Grows in moist places • Sap used as an antiseptic.