

Some wild fruits for barbets, Megalaimidae sp.

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In addition to cultivated fruits that can be readily purchased in the market, animals under rehabilitation must always be offered wild gathered fruits in order to familiarize them with wild fruits that will be available to them after release.

Below is a list of fruits, with photographic documentation for ease of identification, that can and have been successfully offered to barbets (Megalaimidae sp.) both during the hand-feeding and rehabilitation process.

Ficus fruits

Although barbets readily consume a wide variety of fruits, their primary diet in the wild consists of various fruits of the genera Ficus.



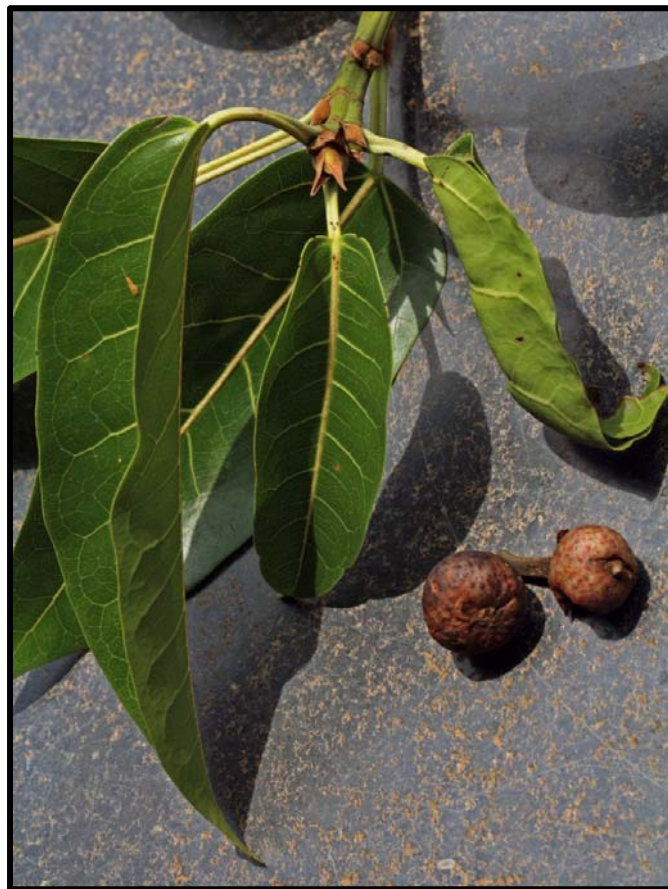
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Ficus beddomei

A Strangler Fig



Ficus beddomei fruits



Ficus beddomei fruits and leaves

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Ficus benghalensis

Indian Banyan or 'Bargad ka ped'



Ficus benghalensis fruits and leaves

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Ficus benghalensis leaves

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Ficus exasperata

Brahma's Banyan or Forest Sandpaper Fig



Ficus exasperata fruits



Ficus exasperata fruits and leaves

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Ficus glomerata (syn. *Ficus racemosa*)

Cluster Fig or Goolar Fig



Ficus glomerata fruits
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Ficus glomerata fruits and leaves

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Ficus religiosa

Sacred Fig or Pipal Tree



Ficus religiosa fruits and leaves

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Ficus talbotii



Ficus talbotii fruit

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Ficus talbotii fruit



Ficus talbotii leaves

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Persea macrantha

'Kula mavu'; commonly known as Indian butter fruit



Persea macrantha fruits



Persea macrantha fruits and leaves

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Syzygium cumini

Black plum or 'jamun'



Syzygium cumini fruits and leaves



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Zizyphus rugosa

Zunna berry (Chunna)

Buckthorn family (which includes Indian ber, jujube, etc.)



Zizyphus rugosa fruits



Zizyphus rugosa fruits and leaves

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