

List of photos needed: bark.

***Ficus benjamina* Linnaeus var. *comosa* (Roxb.) G. Panigrahi & S.K. Murti,**

Comose or Tufted fig

H8-1-7, habit from slope above; roots looking ewa along lower base of tree, 1 Mar 2003.



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H8-1-9, dead stump, 1 Mar 2003.

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Details of leaves and syconia are from H4-7-1.

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L-67.0788, Source? Rcvd as *F. benjamina*. H4-7-1 reID by Condit as *F. benjamina* var. *comosa*, wh/= *F. benjamina* var. *nuda* acc. to Corner, 1965. (Osgood 161). Condit (1969) considers both var. *comosa* and var. *nuda* valid. A total of 9 plated: in Dec 1920 at A6-49-1 / H4-7-1; 12' dbh (with roots), c.60' tall, losing a few branches, spreading, 10 Jul 97 / H8-1-7; c.15' across (roots), c.80' tall, Apr 94 / H8-1-9; c.9' across (roots), 40-50' tall, 1/3 has died, Apr 94 / in May 1922 at A7-15-2; A7-16-1,2; A7-17-1,2 / Vouchers: R. Osgood 161 = BISH; KMN 433 - US, BISH, L; KMN 503 (Oct 1968) - HLA; KMN 617 (Mar 1970) - HLA, NA; KMN 618 - HAW. (Descr. from KMN 0433, from H8-1-9; amplified by KMN 0617, from H8-1-7, in (), and KMN 0618, from H4-7-1, in []). Large tree with spreading canopy 40' [50'] ht.; ([multiple trunks], branching 4' above ground; very large, spreading canopy touching ground), main trunk 40" dbh; (bark smooth, light grey.) Roots buttressed; adventitious roots numerous ([few]), large, confined to trunk area. Figs ([large]), yellow-orange ([red-orange w/ yellow spots when mature]), axillary, ([usually]) 2/ leaf axil and ([nearly]) sessile.

Nativity: "indigenous to eastern India, but is also found in Assam, Burma, and probably in Malaya and the Philippines. It differs from the typical Weeping Fig in having larger fruits, 2.1 cm long and 1.8 cm in diameter, and orange yellow. ... Trees are found along Honolulu streets, on the University of Hawaii campus, and in the Lyon Arboretum." Condit (1969), sp. no. 34: 131, pl. XIV A. On p. 5: "Some trees of *F. benjamina* produce syconia which are globular or oblate, without a neck, while its variety *comosa* bears pyriform syconia with a prominent, thick neck."