PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia pitardii Cohen-Stuart

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, Seeds - oil

The seeds yield an edible oil.
The flower petals are used as a potherb.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 3-7 m tall. The leaves are narrowly oval and 6-10 cm long by 3-4 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The flowers occur singly near the ends of branches. They are red, pink or white and 5-6 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests and thickets between 500-2,500 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seeds or from hardwood cuttings.

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