PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia reticulata Lindl.

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Flowers, seeds - oil

DESCRIPTION

A shrub or small tree. It grows 4-15 m tall. The leaves are oblong and 6-10 cm long by 3-5 cm wide. They are pale green underneath. The flowers occur singly or in groups of 3 near the ends of branches. They are 7-10 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests between 1,000-3,200 m above sea level. In Sichuan and Yunnan. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Harvesting and Seed Production

In China plants flower in January to March and fruit September to October.

PICTURES



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