PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia oleifera Abel

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

COMMON NAMES Tea-oil

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil, Flowers, Leaves - tea

An edible oil is extracted from the seeds.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. In forests it can be a small tree. It grows 3-4 cm high. The young branches are hairy. New growth is bright yellow-green. The leaves are leathery and narrowly oblong. They are 3-5 cm long by 2-3 cm wide. The flower buds are pink and the flowers are white. The flowers usually occur singly in the axils near the ends of branches. The fruit are round capsules about 2 cm across.

HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows on exposed grassy slopes. It is native to southern China. In Sichuan and Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Camellia species.

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