PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia kissi Wall.

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

COMMON NAMES Kissi, Let-pet tea of Burma

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

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

Tea is made from the leaves. They are steamed, dried and used as a substitute for tea.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub 2m to 12 m high. The leaves have short stalks. The leaves are 3-10 cm long by 1.5-4.5 cm wide. The leaves are oval and have teeth along the edge. The flowers are single and in the axils of leaves. They are white and fragrant. The fruit is a capsule. It is round and reddish.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It grows in evergreen forest between 1,000 and 2,100 m altitude. In Nepal it grows between 900-2100 m altitude. It grows on moist ground in hill forest. In Melbourne Botanical Gardens. In Yunnan.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Camellia species.

PICTURES



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