PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia sasanqua Thunb. ex Murray

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

COMMON NAMES Tea-seed oil, Sasanqua tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

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

The oil needs to be refined before being used in food.
The leaves are added to tea to give an aroma.

DESCRIPTION

A shrub. It grows 3-6 m tall and spreads 3-4.5 m wide. The leaves are small. They are very shiny. The flowers are small and have a sweet scent. The flowers are white but coloured varieties with large flowers have been bred.

HABITAT

It is a subtropical plant. It is frost hardy but the flowers can be damaged by frost. They need moisture but benefit from good warm sun. It suits hardiness zones 9-11. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from cuttings, grafting or layering.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Camellia species. Camellia sasanqua has hundreds of cultivated varieties.

PICTURES



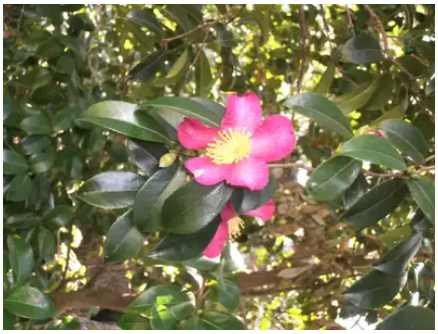
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