PLANT FACT SHEET

# *Camellia polyodonta* Hou

**GENUS** *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

**COMMON NAMES** Red-flowered wan-tian oil tea

## EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

**Edible parts:** Seeds - oil

## DESCRIPTION

A small tree. It grows 8 m high. The leaves are leathery. They are oblong and 8-14 cm long by 3-6 cm wide. They have fine teeth along the side. The flowers occur singly and are rose-pink. They are 5-10 cm across. The fruit are capsules 5-10 cm across. The seeds are brown and 1-1.5 cm across.

## HABITAT

It is a tropical plant. It grows in forests between 500-1,000 m above sea level.

## PRODUCTION

### Harvesting and Seed Production

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

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