PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia sinensis var. assamica (L.) Kuntze, (J. W. Mast.) Kitam.

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

COMMON NAMES Assam tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Leaves, Fruit, Leaves - drink, Flowers

The leaves are cooked and eaten as a vegetable.

DESCRIPTION

It can grow to 15 m tall. It is usually pruned to a power height. This is the main variety used for tea. The leaves have smooth edges. The leaves are thin and tapering.

HABITAT

A tropical plant. It grows in evergreen broad-leaved forests between 500-1,500 m above sea level. It grows in wetlands. In Yunnan.

NOTES

There are about 250-300 Camellia species.

PICTURES



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