PLANT FACT SHEET

Camellia crapnelliana Tutcher

GENUS *Camellia* **FAMILY** Theaceae

COMMON NAMES Large-fruited bobai oil tea, Greater oil tea

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Seeds - oil

An edible oil is extracted from the seeds.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows 5-10 m high. The young branches are hairy and yellowish-brown. The leaves are thin and rough. They are broadly oval and 7-14 cm long by 3-10 cm wide. They taper to the tip and are round or wedge shaped at the base. The flowers occur singly at the ends of branches and are white. They are 12 cm across. The fruit is a capsule 7-17 cm across. It is almost round and reddish-brown. The outside is woody and 2 cm thick. It is dark brown. There are about 10 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a warm temperate plant.

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