

Camellia reticulata

COMMON NAME

to-tsubaki, Yunnan camellia

SYNONYMS

Many synonyms and cultivar names, some based on hybrids with other *Camellia* spp. e.g. see <http://www.pacifichorticulture.org/>

FAMILY

Theaceae

AUTHORITY

Camellia reticulata Lindl.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Large shrub or small tree up to 15 m tall. Large (75 - 250 mm diameter) red to pink (rarely white) flowers.

HABITAT

Self-establishes from seed near mature planted specimens.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

FRUITING

Seeds set spontaneously in gardens in New Zealand and seedlings appear in ground close to flowering plants

YEAR NATURALISED

2013

ORIGIN

Yunnan Province, South-west China

ETYMOLOGY

camellia: Named by Linnaeus after Georg Josef Kamel (21 April 1661 – 2 May 1706), 17th century Moravian Jesuit missionary and botanist who worked in the Phiippines.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/camellia-reticulata/>



C. reticulata cv 'Captain Rawes'; garden shrub, planted, Hawera. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 30/08/1964, Licence: CC BY-NC.