

Camellia taliensis

COMMON NAMES

fried egg plant

BIOSTATUS

Exotic

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

FLOWER COLOURS

Cream, White

GENUS

Camellia

FAMILY

Theaceae

AUTHORITY

Camellia taliensis (W.W.Sm.) Melch.

SYNONYMS

Polyspora yunnanensis Hu ; *Gordonia yunnanensis*

YEAR NATURALISED

2010

ORIGIN

Yunnan Province, China

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

LIFE CYCLE AND DISPERSAL

Woody shrub. Seed is produced; seedlings found close to flowering shrubs

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 Philippines.

ATTRIBUTION

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MORE INFORMATION

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

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Planted shrub in flower, Bason Botanic Gardens, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 04/07/2012, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Leaf of planted fruiting shrub, Bason Botanic Reserve, Whanganui. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 04/07/2012, Licence: CC BY-NC.