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Coffea liberica

[Synonyms : *Coffea arnoldiana*, *Coffea dewevrei*]

LIBERIAN COFFEE is an evergreen shrub or tree. Native to tropical western Africa it has small fragrant, white flowers.

It is also known as Abeokuta coffee, *Café du Libéria* (French), *Caféier du Libéria* (French), *Café libérica* (French, Portuguese), *Cafeto de Liberia* (Spanish), *Caffe liberica* (Italian), *Càphê Libéri* (Vietnamese), *Da guo ka fei* (Chinese), *Da ka fei shu* (Chinese), *Da li ka fei* (Chinese), *Kafae bai yai* (Thai), *Kávovník liberský* (Czech), *Kofe liberika* (Russian), *Kofeo Liberia* (Esperanto), *Liberiakaffee* (German), *Liberiakaffebaum* (German), *Liberiakaffestrauch* (German), *Liberiakoffie* (Dutch), *Liberiankahvi* (Finnish), *Liberica coffee*, *Liberica-Kaffee* (German), and *Liberiskt kaffe* (Swedish).

Liberica means ‘of or from Liberia’.

It was introduced to Hawaii in 1894 as this species was immune to a local fungus but it never gained popularity there, apparently because it had an inferior aroma compared with that from its close relative coffee, *Coffea arabica*.

This species, and robusta coffee (*Coffea canephora*), accounts for 24% of the world’s coffee supply today.

Medicinally, the leaves have been used locally, boiled with salt, as a purgative.