



Illustration of a New Zealand tea plant from Cook's Second Voyage

FORSTER, Johann Georg.
[Tea Plant.]

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An illustration of the tea plant, *Leptospermum scoparium* (Myrtaceae) of New Zealand, after Johann Georg Forster, published in the official account of Cook's second voyage, 'A voyage towards the South Pole, and round the World'. Forster (1754-94) was naturalist on the voyage but, because relations between Forster and Cook were so bad, Forster played no part in the compilation of the official account and his illustrations were used without credit.

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