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# Camellias

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# CAMELLIAS

For many years, Camellias have been one of the world's most honored flowers. This is as it should be. Not alone for their great beauty of blossom and foliage are they noteworthy, but, as has been discovered in recent years, they are one of the hardiest plants in cultivation and require only the simplest culture.

There are the appealing singles with their large petals symmetrically arranged around showy yellow stamens, semi-doubles and full doubles, either of the paeony or formal flat types. The color scale runs from the purest white through many shades of pink and red and an infinite number of variegations. There is a type for every conceivable taste and no garden is too humble to offer an appropriate setting for some of the simpler informal kinds.

A location on the north or east side of a building or any semi-shady position protected from the afternoon sun should be selected; and do remember that a well drained soil is of first importance. The required acid condition can be supplied by mixing  $\frac{1}{3}$  each of peat, well rotted leaf-mold and good sandy loam. Fertilize in April, June and August with a balanced commercial food, with a cotton-seed base, specially prepared for Camellias. Work it in lightly as the roots are near the surface.

Flowering of the different varieties begins in October and continues through the winter to the end of April. As a cut flower, the Camellia is a worthy rival of the orchid, and, as a decorative evergreen that may be depended upon for luxuriant foliage throughout the year, it is unsurpassed.

PRICES, according to size and variety:

	Standard Varieties	New and Rare Varieties
1 gal. containers.....\$	.75 to 1.50	\$ 2.00 to 3.50
7 and 8 in. pots.....	2.00 to 3.50	2.50 to 5.00
5 gal. containers.....	2.50 to 5.00	5.00 to 10.00
Tubs.....	3.50 to 10.00	7.50 to 15.00
Balled.....	3.50 and up	7.50 and up
Large specimens.....	12.50 and up	15.00 and up

The new and rare varieties marked with an asterisk \*  
Period of bloom indicated by months after each variety.

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# CAMELLIA JAPONICA

## white

**ALBA PLENA:\*** True type and justly rated the best of all white sorts, with snow-white chiffon-like flowers, to 4" in diameter, of incredible symmetry. The blooms of this Camellia have, in years past, retailed as high as \$12.00 per dozen. A good grower and free bloomer; of bushy, spreading habit. Foliage a lighter green than most kinds. Jan.-Mar.

**ALBA PLENA FIMBRIATA:\*** Rare. Blooms like the above in every respect except the petals are gracefully imbricated and fringed on the edges. Not quite so vigorous a grower, but a more exquisite flower would be hard to imagine. Jan.-Mar.

**AMABILIS:\*** Rare. A tall grower, bearing in profusion wide open single flowers of good size. The stamens flare, displaying the showy golden anthers to great effect. A rapid grower, with the best of foliage. One of the choicest. Jan.-Apr.

**CAPRICE:** A double creamy white, with high center and gardenia-like texture, from 4 to 5 in. in diameter. The name is derived from its habit of sending its stamens irregularly throughout the petals. This bushy type with its heavy dark green foliage is distinct and charming. Jan.-Mar.

**DEAREST:\*** Rare. It is indeed difficult to describe this distinguished flower. A large semi-double, of perfect form, whose swirled petals of wondrous texture surround the showy golden stamens, stiffly erect. A prolific bloomer, of compact habit and perfect foliage, this camellia leaves little to be desired. Dec.-Mar.

**ELIZABETH:\*** A delectable flower with great appeal; compact, double and incurved petal edges. It bears an occasional shell-pink flower. Has large, glossy foliage, and is a strong grower and profuse bloomer. Jan.-Mar.

**LOTUS:\*** The largest of the semi-double whites. Its exquisite waterlily form shows to advantage its spectacular golden stamens. Profuse bloomer. Of rapid and upright habit of growth, with long, glossy, dark green, pendulant foliage, corresponding in size to its enormous flowers. New and rare, and positively the last word in Camellias. Jan.-Apr.

**NOBILISSIMA:** A pure white, with tightly curled formal paeony center edged with a double row of broader petals. Medium sized blooms. A tall upright grower and free bloomer. Nov.-Mar.

**PINE CONE:** Is decidedly suggestive of its name, with its wavy petals and high center. A true double and fine bloomer. Very lovely. Feb.-Apr.

**PURITY:** One of the loveliest. Pure white and perfectly symmetrical in shape. Flowers unusually large and beautiful, borne in great abundance. Tall, rapid grower. No good collection is complete without at least one of these. Jan.-Mar.

**THE SWAN:** This rather prostrate type bears its semi-double flowers in great profusion and is entirely different from any other Camellia we know. It lends itself charmingly to use in pots, tubs or hanging baskets; is extremely bushy and grows to 4 ft. Jan.-Mar.

**SNOW MAIDEN:** An upright and vigorous grower, bearing quantities of small quaint flowers with incurved petal edges. Particularly lovely for table decoration and corsages. Jan.-Mar.

**WHITE PERFECTION:\*** Closely resembles the Pink Perfection in size and form of bloom and is most desirable as a boutonniere type. Jan.-Mar.

## variegated

**ARGENTINITA:\*** A fluffy semi-double of medium size. Softest pink streaked and spotted in rose. The attractive stamens are interestingly interspersed throughout the crisp petals. It has a somewhat spreading growth habit, splendid foliage and bounteous bloom. Dec.-Mar.

**BELLE JEANNETTE:** A large double rose-red, softly flecked in white. Symmetrical in form. A strong grower with excellent foliage. Jan.-Mar.

**BELLE ROMANA:** The most distinctively Oriental of all Camellias. Large, full double flowers, to 4 in. across, of a rose-pink crepey texture, overlaid with fine streaks of a darker color. Scarce and very unusual. Jan.-Mar.

**BLEICHROEDER:\*** This large double (though symmetrical) camellia is of the softest pink, streaked in crimson. Has splendid foliage and a bushy compact habit of growth. Late Dec. into Feb.

**CHANDLERI ELEGANS:** An enormous paeony-flowered variety to 7 in. across. The center is a tightly curled ball of overlapped petaloids edged with a broad double frill of larger petals. Soft rose, with irregular white variegations. Bushy, vigorous and a very free bloomer. Unusually fine dark green foliage. A superb variety and striking when used espalier on walls and trellises. Dec.-Mar.

**COMTE DE GOMER:\*** A full-double delicate pink, penciled and speckled with rose. These dainty blossoms are borne profusely on a well-branched and rather dwarf shrub. Jan.-Mar.

**DAI KAGURA:** Bright rose red splotched with white. A large, full double Camellia, with center petals reduced in size, and often twisted and curled. Almost as large as Chandleri, which it resembles, but more brilliant. Possesses strikingly beautiful foliage and is one of the first to bloom in the early Fall. Oct.-Mar.

**DONKLAERI:\*** Rare. Large petaled, double and one of the freest bloomers. Deep cherry-red marbled with pure white. Stamens stand erect and open at the center to show a mass of deep gold anthers. Intense, unfading color. Makes a very compact shrub. Very good. Jan.-Mar.

**FANNY BOLIS:** Very desirable. An extremely large semi-double in soft rose-red blotched with white. Inner petals are smaller and curled about the showy mass of golden anthered stamens at the center. A large bushy type and one of the largest flowered of all the Camellias. Jan.-Mar.

**GAIETY:\*** A paeony-type flower which reminds one of Chandleri elegans in form. The color, however, is clear vivid red mottled in white, and the outer edge of the flower is almost round. A very superior kind. Jan.-Mar.

**GOVERNEUR MOUTANS:\*** This is a medium semi-double; oriental red splotched with white. Very gay and attractive. Dec.-Mar.

**HIKARI GENGI (Jordan's Pride):** Known as the fragrant Camellia. A large fluffy double in light pink margined in white and streaked with a deeper pink. Golden stamens show when the flower is fully open. Blooms heavily and is a vigorous grower. Jan.-Mar.



**MARGARET JACK:\*** A large artistic semi-double white, finely streaked with crimson. Very clean cut and different and distinctively superior from many standpoints. A compact habit of growth, with fine foliage. Worthy of a place in the best collections. One of our most recent introductions. Jan.-Apr.

**NAGASAKI:\*** This very large semi-double is a fresh glowing rose-red, with huge white dots and dashes. It lies very flat when fully open and exposes spectacular stamens. Dec.-Mar.

**PANACHE:** A large, slightly flattened double flower in softest pink with lighter variegations. Has the most abundant foliage of all Camellias. Spreading habit of growth. Blooms over a long period from Dec. to Apr.

**PIERETTE:** New. A large, fluffy, extremely double flesh color, with bright cherry-red stripings. Bushy and spreading. One of the most exquisite Camellias. Jan.-Mar.

**SEASHELL:** A small variegated semi-double, in dusky pink penciled in a deeper tone. Has very good foliage and makes a most attractive shrub. Feb.-Mar.

**TRICOLOR:** Rather reminds one of a tulip because of its cupped shape. It is a dainty and informal flower in white, mottled and streaked in pink and red. Mar.-Apr.

**WAKANOURA VARIEGATA:\*** Is a dazzling beauty. Its waxy-white semi-double flowers, with petals slightly cupped, are vividly streaked with carmine. Good foliage and erect habit of growth. Jan.-Mar.

## pink

**APPLEBLOSSOM:** Has dainty trumpet-shaped blossoms of opalescent pink, borne on a compact shrub with small deep green leaves. Dec.-Feb.

**DELLA ROBBIA (Meredith Lake):\*** Rare. Although listed under the pink camellias, this exquisite flower is really white with a pale lilac overtone. A semi-double of moderate size and gardenia-like texture that is truly a departure from the accepted colors of camellias. Dec.-Mar.

**FRANCINE:** A huge, clear rose pink, of the paeony type, like a nosegay with a lace frill. Identical with *Chandleri elegans* in foliage and flowers, but without variegation. Dec.-Mar.

**GRANDIFLORA ROSEA:\*** Its huge picturesque flower is of the semi-double type, with broad petals of a brilliant salmon rose, arranged interestingly around a bright yellow center of long stamens. An upright grower, with excellent foliage. It must be seen to be fully appreciated. Jan.-Apr.

**JOHN LAING:** Medium sized, compact, symmetrical, double. Soft rose-salmon pink and not unlike *Pink Perfection* in form. Very desirable for corsages. Vigorous much branched growth. Foliage small and glossy. Jan.-Mar.

**KUMASAKA:\*** A large, fluffy double of glowing pink. The center petals are curled and twisted to reveal a mass of golden stamens. An erect and vigorous grower and heavy bloomer. Rarely beautiful and one of the most sought after of all Camellias.

**LADY VANSITTART:\*** Is a most personable camellia of a rich rose-pink of semi-double form. It has long, crinkly, holly-like foliage. Jan.-Mar.

**MARCHIONESS OF EXETER:\*** A glowing lustrous candy pink of exceptional beauty. Perfect in form and arrangement of its numerous petals. Gigantic in size, yet of graceful proportions. The plant has a low and spreading habit of growth, and attractive foliage. No collection is complete without this extraordinary variety. Dec.-Mar.

**PINK PERFECTION:** This old favorite still ranks as one of the most desirable. The medium sized flowers are a shell pink, exquisite in their symmetry and delicate texture. Freest blooming of all and makes a magnificent specimen. Blooms intermittently from Oct. to Mar.

**RHAPSODY:\*** Its gay rose-pink unusually large flower is a full semi-double, measuring between 6 and 7 inches across and displaying numerous golden-yellow stamens. Good foliage and a strong grower. Jan.-Mar.

**ROSALIE:\*** This charming Camellia is a large symmetrical double in variable rose. A good grower and heavy bloomer with clean sturdy foliage. Should have a place in every collection. Dec.-Mar.

**ROSITA:** Rose-pink flowers of medium size—closely double and of perfect form. Bushy vigorous grower. One of the finest late bloomers. Feb.-Apr.

**SHALIMAR:\*** A delicately fragrant pink of informal shape and medium size. The foliage is particularly good, and its blooming season one of the longest. Jan.-Apr.

**SPRINGTIDE:\*** This soft pink is noteworthy because of its pleasing symmetry. Is double and of medium size. Feb.-Apr.

**VALVAREDA:** Many Camellia growers contend that this is the finest of all Camellias. Cup shaped, of perfect symmetry, with pale pink center petals shading to a deeper rose on the outer petals. A strong grower, well branched and with the finest foliage imaginable. Jan.-Mar.

**WINGS (Pink Hikari Gengi):\*** Although identical in form with Hikari Gengi, its color is a soft rose pink. A very full blossom with frilly winglike petals. Has attractive yellow stamens and an illusive fragrance. Jan.-Mar.

## red

**ALOHA:\*** A full paeony type, in a dark salmon-rose. Very large and one of the most magnificent Camellias we propagate. Oct.-Feb.

**BRILLIANT:\*** A large full-double scintillant red; a free bloomer of compact habit of growth. Very good. Jan.-Mar.

**BUSCH GARDEN RED:** Somewhat formal close petalled type, of good form and size. Deep rose red. Habit of growth compact and spreading. Feb.-Mar.

**COVINA:** An informal, double rose-red, of bright and lasting color. Blooms freely over a long period and makes a fine compact, bushy specimen. Effective in pots or tubs. It has a charm all its own. Jan.-Apr.



**COLONEL FIREY:\*** New and rare. This huge Camellia, the dark red of a Hadley rose, seems almost artificial in its exquisite symmetry. Is from 4 to 5 in. in diameter, rather flat in form and one of the freest flowering and most admired of all Camellias. A true aristocrat. Jan.-Apr.

**ELENA NOBILE:\*** Quite unique is this flame-red double Camellia, opening to show a mass of golden stamens. A strong grower and late bloomer, commanding attention because of its unusual shade of red. Mar.-May.

**EMPEROR OF RUSSIA:\*** A fine large geranium-red, with its golden stamens irregularly interspersed throughout the blooms. Has exceptionally fine foliage and compact growth. One of the best reds. Jan.-Mar.

**ENRICO BETTONI:\*** An exquisite translucent pink. It is a huge double, of irregular form, which lends it great charm. Sometimes it shows its yellow stamens. Jan.-Mar.

**JULIA DRAYTON:\*** An heroic double rose-red of exceptional beauty. The petals are wide and lie more or less flat, showing a golden column of stiff upright stamens. Foliage large, dark and handsome. An outstanding variety. Jan.-Mar.

**LADINER'S RED:\*** This outstanding camellia with its glossy, fine foliage bears attractive double red flowers in great abundance. Don't miss this one. Dec.-Feb.

**OTOME RED:** New. Deep cherry-red flowers of medium size. Informal broad petals, double, the yellow stamens showing at the center. Very bushy grower—dark, abundant foliage. Jan.-Mar.

**PRINCESS BACCIOCHI:\*** The large flowers are double and slightly cupped; of a deep rose red with occasional stamens showing thru the petals. A free bloomer and very, very lovely. Jan.-Mar.

**PROFESSOR CHARLES S. SARGENT:\*** New and rare. A truly magnificent Camellia of the full paeony type. The entire flower is a dark red ball of incurved petaloids, edged by a frill of broader petals, 4 in. in diameter; free flowering and a sturdy grower. Jan.-Mar.

**RAINY SUN:** A very large loose petaled semi-double. Reminds one of a hibiscus and is almost as large. Deep rose-red. One of the heaviest and most colorful bloomers in the garden. Dec.-Feb.

**RED DAI KAGURA:\*** Is a deep clear rose-red form of Dai Kagura. It has the same characteristic foliage and blooming season as the latter. Brilliant and clean-cut. Oct.-Mar.

**ROBIN HOOD (Wakanoura):\*** New. A gallant semi-double in rich cherry-red. The petals stand out stiffly separated from each other with the edges of each cupped slightly inward. Very showy and an erect grower. Jan.-Mar.

**RUBY GLOW:\*** One of the most desirable reds obtainable; while its early form is variable, it is usually very large and has a true Chandleri or Paeony form. Foliage is a deep green, and the growth is strong and upright. Gorgeous. Dec.-Feb.

**ROMANY:** Closely resembles Pink Perfection in form and size. Their rosy-red blossoms are among the first to appear in early winter. This unfading, clean-cut type is very desirable for corsages. Oct.-Feb.

**TE DEUM:\*** New. Very large double, brilliant red, of paeony form. Resembles Prof. Sargent but with looser and larger petaloids. Large, lustrous foliage, fast grower and generous bloomer. Unusually beautiful. Jan.-Mar.

# CAMELLIA SASANQUA

If you are an admirer of the artless and ethereal in flowers, we know the group of Camellias known as the Sasanquas will completely win your heart. In direct contrast to the Japonicas, they are entirely lacking in formal symmetry, either of blossom or habit of growth. The majority have single or semi-double flowers and possess the fragrance, as well as the appearance, of the wild rose.

On account of their loose branched, semi-trailing habit of growth, some of them are very charming as a ground covering and most of them are adapted to espalier treatment on trellis, fence or wall. Their cultural requirements are the same as for other Camellias.

**APPLE BLOSSOM:** Closely resembles its namesake with its single blossoms and its pink and white coloring. Upright habit and small green foliage. Oct.-Jan.

**BETTY McCASKILL:\*** This dainty ball-shaped flower is of softest pink, tinted and margined in a rose-red. Double. It has all the charm of a miniature paeony. Something entirely new. Feb.-Apr.

**BLANCHETTE:** Is a pure white, single, which reminds one of the dogwood bloom. Very sturdy and upright, with dainty grey-green foliage. Oct.-Jan.

**BRIAR ROSE:** Single, of a soft, clear pink which resembles the wild rose. Has a small dark green foliage and a flaring habit of growth which makes it admirable for pleaching. Oct.-Jan.

**HEBE:** Exquisite single deep rose-pink. Flowers borne in profusion. Growth upright and spreading—very vigorous. Bronzy green foliage. Oct.-Feb.

**MININA:** Is one of the largest flowering and loveliest of the pink Sasanquas with charming foliage and spreading habit of growth. Very fine for espalier treatment. Oct.-Jan.

**TANYA:** Deep rose. Foliage dark and glossy, habit rather weeping. Delicately beautiful with its deep colored, fragile petals against dark foliage. Oct.-Dec.

**WHITE DOVES:** Words are inadequate to describe the delicate beauty of this trailing sort, with its quantities of feathery, double, snowy flowers. It is lovely when used as a wall or ground cover, but may also be trained on fences or trellises. Oct.-Feb.



From early October through April, the numerous varieties offer a continuous and everchanging pageant of thousands of blooms. You may feel free to come in and enjoy them at any time.