

## Camellia japonica

### (Common Camellia)

The camellias know for their large and very decorative flowers. It can reach 8-10 cm in diameter. The plant has a very compact growing habit. Camellia has around 3000 varieties all over the world. The leaves are glossy, shiny green all year around and this color gives a very nice contrast with the flowers. Camellias bloom late winter early spring. The plant likes acidic soil and plenty of moisture. Prefers partial shade during summer season, but need full light at wintertime. This very popular shrub is used as borders, screens, specimen. It is urban tolerant if maintained and can be planted in container also.



Plant Image

#### Landscape Information

**French Name:** Camellia

**Pronunciation:** kuh-MEEL-ee-uh juh-PAW-nick-uh

**Plant Type:** Shrub

**Origin:** Eastern asia

**Heat Zones:** 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9

**Hardiness Zones:** 7, 8, 9

**Uses:** Hedge, Specimen, Indoor, Container, Medicinal, Wildlife

#### Size/Shape

**Growth Rate:** Slow

**Tree Shape:** oval

**Canopy Symmetry:** Symmetrical

**Canopy Density:** Medium

**Canopy Texture:** Medium

**Height at Maturity:** 1.5 to 3 m

**Spread at Maturity:** 1 to 1.5 meters

**Time to Ultimate Height:** 10 to 20 Years

#### Notes

Many cultivars are available with a range of flower color (white, shades of pink, red or yellow) , type ( double or single) and size.

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Flower Image

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### Botanical Description

#### Foliage

**Leaf Arrangement:** Alternate

**Leaf Venation:** Pinnate

**Leaf Persistence:** Evergreen

**Leaf Type:** Simple

**Leaf Blade:** 5 - 10 cm

**Leaf Shape:** Oval

**Leaf Margins:** Serrate

**Leaf Textures:** Waxy

**Leaf Scent:** Unpleasant

**Color(growing season):** Green

**Color(changing season):** Green

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#### Flower

**Flower Showiness:** True

**Flower Size Range:** 7 - 10

**Flower Type:** Solitary

**Flower Sexuality:** Monoecious (Bisexual)

**Flower Scent:** Pleasant

**Flower Color:** Yellow, Orange, Brown, Red, Purple, White, Pink

**Seasons:** Spring, Winter

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#### Trunk

**Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage:** Generally resists breakage

**Number of Trunks:** Multi-Trunked

**Trunk Esthetic Values:** Papery

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#### Fruit

**Fruit Type:** Capsule

**Fruit Showiness:** False

**Fruit Size Range:** 0 - 1.5, 3 - 7

**Fruit Colors:** Brown, Purple

**Seasons:** Spring, Winter

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### Horticulture Management

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#### Tolerance

**Frost Tolerant:** No

**Heat Tolerant:** No

**Drought Tolerant:** No

**Salt Tolerance:** Poor

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#### Requirements

**Soil Requirements:** Clay, Loam, Sand

**Soil Ph Requirements:** Acidic

**Water Requirements:** Moderate

**Light Requirements:** Full, Part

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#### Management

**Toxity:** No

**Invasive Potential:** No

**Susceptibility to Pests and Diseases:** No

**Pruning Requirement:** Needed, to develop a strong structure

**Fruit/ Leaves/ Flowers litter:** No

**Surface Rooting:** No

**Life Span:** Less than 25

**Edible Parts:**

**Pests:** Mites, Scales

**Plant Propagations:** Cutting, Grafting

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Fruit Image



Bark Image



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