

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

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

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

Trunk

Trunk Susceptibility to Breakage: Generally resists breakage

Number of Trunks: Multi-Trunked

Trunk Esthetic Values: Papery

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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Leaf Image

Horticulture Management

Tolerance

Frost Tolerant: No

Heat Tolerant: No

Drought Tolerant: No

Salt Tolerance: Poor

Requirements

Soil Requirements: Clay, Loam, Sand

Soil Ph Requirements: Acidic

Water Requirements: Moderate

Light Requirements: Full, Part

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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