Camellia japonica
(Common Camellia)

The camellias are known for their large and very decorative flowers. They 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 like 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.

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<td><strong>French Name:</strong> Camellia</td>
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<td><strong>Pronunciation:</strong> kuh-MEE-ee-uuh juh-PAW-nick-uh</td>
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<td><strong>Plant Type:</strong> Shrub</td>
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<td><strong>Origin:</strong> Eastern asia</td>
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<td><strong>Heat Zones:</strong> 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9</td>
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<td><strong>Hardiness Zones:</strong> 7, 8, 9</td>
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<td><strong>Uses:</strong> Hedge, Specimen, Indoor, Container, Medicinal, Wildlife</td>
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<td><strong>Growth Rate:</strong> Slow</td>
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<td><strong>Tree Shape:</strong> oval</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Symmetry:</strong> Symmetrical</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Density:</strong> Medium</td>
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<td><strong>Canopy Texture:</strong> Medium</td>
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<td><strong>Height at Maturity:</strong> 1.5 to 3 m</td>
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<td><strong>Spread at Maturity:</strong> 1 to 1.5 meters</td>
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<td><strong>Time to Ultimate Height:</strong> 10 to 20 Years</td>
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**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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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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**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: Mites, Scales
- Plant Propagations: Cutting, Grafting