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Camellias

Camellias are a lovely addition to the shade or partially shaded garden. With attributes that include: evergreen foliage year round, cold hardy, flowers during the winter and early spring, long lived, and easy to care for, make this a choice plant for foundation planting. Use them as an accent, hedge, screen, or container plant. They can also be trimmed into small trees or trained as espalier, which is a great solution for narrow spaces.

The blooming season of each camellia is noted by an E, M, or L.

E= Early (Mid-September-November), M=Midseason (December-February), L=Late (March-April).

C. Sasanqua

Bonanza- Deep red. Large Semi-peony form. Medium, low growth. (E)

Chansonnet- Brilliant pink semi-double blossoms. Horizontal branching growth. (E-M).

Cleopatra- Rose pink single. Upright evergreen shrub with many rose pink fall/winter blooms. (E-M).

Grady's Egao- Light pink, veined fine white edge. Flower is smaller than parent's and growth is more compact. (L).

Hana Jiman- Large single white, edged with pink. (E)

Himekoki- Clear pink. Small rose form. Pointed petals. Profuse. Medium, upright, slightly spreading growth habit.

Hugh Evans- Profuse bloomer. Single pink. Medium, upright, somewhat lacy growth habit. (M-L).

Jean May- Shell pink, double blossoms. (E)

Kanjiro- Brilliant, rose red. Semi double. (E-M).

Little Pearl- Medium, irregular semi-double, pink buds opening to white edged pink. Compact, upright growth. (L)

Omigoromo- Soft pink toned slightly lighter near the center of the petals. Medium, upright, somewhat arching growth habit. Produces a profusion of medium size single, slightly cupped blossoms.

Rainbow- Large, single white with red border. (E)

Setsugekka- White single blossoms. Upright growth.

Showa-No-Sakae- Semi-double to peony. Soft clear pink. Vigorous, low growth. (E).

T.S. White- Medium semi-double to peony white. The slow medium growth is very upright, compact, and bushy. (E)

C. Japonica

Ace O Hearts- Red. Medium to large. Semi-double to rose form. Handsome, dark green foliage. Bushy, medium upright growth. One of the most sun-tolerant Japonicas. (M)

April Dawn- Variegated rose pink and white blooms. Formal double flowers. Vigorous upright growth. 6-8 ft tall and 4-5 ft wide.(M-L).

April Remembered- Vigorous growing shrub. 6-8 ft tall and wide. Flowers are a semi-double, cream colored with pink outer edges and very abundant. (M-L).

Baby Pearl- Small formal double. White, shaded and washed orchid pink. (M-L)

Black Magic- Very dark glossy red. Medium, irregular semi-double to rose form. Unusual holly-like foliage. Medium, loose , upright growth. (M-L).

Success Recipe for Growing Camellias:

- Add a acidic compost, such as *Gardner N' Bloome Acid Rich Planting Mix* or peat moss 30-50% proportion to native soil
- Plant root ball needs to be 1" above final soil grade
- Build a water well around base of plant to aid in deep watering requirement
- Keep moist but not wet
- Fertilize with an acid fertilizer such as *Maxsea* or *Gardner N' Bloome* (Camellia, Azalea, Rhododendron Food)
- Never over fertilize or fertilize when plant is dry. Water the plant a day ahead of fertilizing

C. Japonica (con't.)

Carter's Sunburst- Pale pink striped or marked deeper pink. Large to very large, semi-double to peony form to formal double blossoms. (E-L).

Chandleri Elegans Variegated- Rose pink, spotted white. Foliage dark and glossy. Large to very large, anemone form. Medium, bushy, spreading growth. (E-M).

Elegans Splendor- Beautiful, heavy serrated sport of C.M. Wilson. Sheen in pin anemone form pink blossom. (E-M).

Erin Farmer- White washed and shaded orchid pink. Large, semi-double to loose peony form with twisted, curled petals. (M)

Flowerwood- Fimbriated sport of Mathotiana. (M-L)

Guillo Nuccio- Coral rose red. Large to very large, semi-double with irregular petals. (M)

H.E.R.- Rose pink with light sepals, anemone form.

J.C. Williams- Small to medium. Orchid pink, single blooms. Medium, open, upright growth. (M)

Joshua Youtz- White. Large, peony form to formal double. (E)

Julia Drayton- Leathery, dark green leaves. Double, rose form, crimson, red blooms. (M)

Kramer's Supreme- Red to light red. Large to very large, full peony form. Sometimes mildly fragrant. (M).

Kumasaka- Rose pink. Medium, rose form double to peony form. (M-L).

Lulu Belle- White, sometimes blush in bud. Large to very large, semi-double to loose peony. Vigorous, upright growth. (E-M)

Magnoliaeflora- Blush pink. Medium, semi-double. (M).

Mansize- Creamy white. Miniature anemone form. Medium, open, upright growth. (M)

Marie Bracey- Coral Rose. Large, semi-double to loose peony form. (E-M)

Mathotiana Supreme- Form sport of Mathotiana. Very large, semi-double with loose, irregular petals. (M-L)

Maxwell Blush- Shell pink medium formal double.

Nuccio's Bella Rossa- A beautiful red large formal double with excellent texture. Very long blooming season. Heavy bud set. Medium, bushy, upright growth. (E-L).

Nuccio's Carousel- Large semi-double tubular form. Soft pink toned deeper at edge. Medium upright growth. (E-L)

Nuccio's Pearl- Medium formal double with pointed petals. Blush white with both center and outside petals toned deeper pink. (M-L).

Pearl Maxwell- Shell pink. Medium, formal double. (M-L)

Pink Icicle- Clear pink, semi-double flowers. Dark green, glossy foliage. Very upright, medium to large size shrub. (M-L).

Red Tulip- Dark red medium single. Very tubular in shape. Fast, open, upright yet somewhat spreading in growth habit. (M)

Rosehill Red- Dark, glossy green foliage with thick leathery leaves. Red semi-double flowers. (M).

Scentsation- Medium pink. Medium to large peony form. Nice sweet scent. (E-M)

Silver Waves- Very large white, wavy semi-double. Vigorous, bushy, upright growth. (E-M)

Spring Fling- Red. Medium, formal double. Medium, bushy, upright growth. (L)

Spring Formal- Deep pink, medium formal double, pointed petals. Vigorous, compact and upright. (L)

Swan Lake- Large white, formal double to full peony. Medium, upright growth. (M-L).

Tama Beauty- Rose pink, bordered white. Medium to large, loose peony. Medium, bushy growth. (E-M).

Tama-No-Ura- Unique picotee seedling variety from Japan. Bright red with heavy white border. Single. Small to medium. Slender branches with rapid, upright, open growth. (M).

Tata- Large to very large semi-double white. Golden stamens. Large, dark green foliage. Very strong upright and spreading growth. (M-L)

Tom Knudeson- Dark red with darker veining. Medium to large, formal to rose form double to full peony. Upright vigorous, slightly open growth. (E-M)

Tootsie- White, formal double. Miniature. Medium, upright growth. (M-L)

White Nun- White. Very large, semi-double. (M)

Winter's Snowman- Beautiful white flower. Mature growth only twelve feet high and five feet wide. Foliage is a dark green. Growth habit is very columnar. (M).

C. Higo

Shira Ogi- White. Medium, single heavy flared golden stamens. Medium, spreading growth. (M)

Shira Yuki- Medium, single white with round, ruffled edged petals and flared golden stamens. Medium, upright growth. (M-L)

C. Reticulata

Willow Wand (Takeiyeh)- Light orchid pink. Large rose form to double to semi-double with irregular, wavy petals. Vigorous, upright, rather columnar growth. (M)

C. Hybrids

Buttermint (Kissy Hybrid)- Very creamy white to pale yellow. Formal to rose form, sometimes peony. Miniature. Very profuse. Medium upright growth. (E-L)

Coral Delight- Medium, semi-double, deep coral pink. Small dark green foliage. Slow, upright, bushy, compact growth,. (M).

Francie L. Var- Variegated form of Francie L. Rose pink mottled white. (M-L)

Honeymoon- Unusual coral pink bud opening to a very creamy white. Petals yellow at base. Medium to Large. Semi-double. Vigorous, Upright, open growth. (L)

Minato-No-Haru- Deep pink single. Miniature. Medium, upright, slightly loose growth habit. (M-L.)

Pink Mermaid- (quercifolia) 6-9 ft evergreen shrub. Display of distinctive fluted leaves. Light pink flowers with yellow stamens.

Taylor's Perfection- Large, semi-double. Light orchid pink. Vigorous, open, upright growth. Excellent for espalier. (M-L)

Tea Camellia- The leaves of the tea plant provide the tea of commerce. The terminal shoots with 2 or 3 leaves are collected, every week or every other weeks. They can be heated immediately to stop any fermentation, this provides green tea, or they can be rolled and fermented for several hours before being oven heated and dried, this provides the black tea. 1.5 inches-wide fragrant white flowers.

Tulip Time- Light pink. Medium, tulip-formed single. Profuse. Vigorous, open growth. (M)

Yume- Small, single pink blotched white. Profuse and very, very showy! Medium, spreading somewhat loose growth. (M-L).