



**Camellia Care** Camellias are evergreen blooming shrubs categorized by bloom times. **Sasanquas** (Camellia sasanqua) bloom early to mid-season, **Japonicas** (Camellia japonica) from mid to late season, and **Hybrids** can be either. Plant a variety for blooms from November through June. (Blooming periods can vary for warmer or cooler locations.) **Early:** Oct to Dec **Midseason:** Jan to Mar **Late:** April to May

Few camellias are “fast growers,” (**they typically reach 6-12’ tall x wide in 10 to 15 years**), the sasanqua varieties & some of the hybrids do grow more quickly than the japonicas. But, the flowers of the japonicas are longer lasting. Your best way to decide which to plant as a hedge is to figure out conditions in summer & choose accordingly as sasanqua varieties can tolerate some sun.

**Garden Uses:** Be sure to keep Camellias in viewing distance in patio beds, containers or decorating the foundation plantings around your house. They do great as an espalier to cover walls and fences. If set back in a woodland setting, plant in mass and complement with low growing perennials. A wonderful specimen as an addition in Asian gardens believed to bring wealth if planted at the entrance to your home, as are other red flowering plants.

**Care Information:** Provide well-drained soil, rich in organic matter. Keep roots cool with a thick layer of mulch. Water deeply and regularly during the first growing season to establish an extensive root system; reduce frequency, once established. Full shade to partial sun, varies with variety. Prune to shape and feed with an acid fertilizer after flowering. Pruning time: early spring to early summer. Water regularly when top 3 in. of soil is dry, some need more water requirements.

**Bob Hope Camellia** Camellia japonica USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Large, deep red, semi-double flowers with yellow stamens and beautiful ruffled petals with glossy, dark green foliage. A prized camellia, Mid-season bloomer. Moderate grower to 6 to 8 ft. tall & wide; larger with age. Winter Bloomer.

**Debutante Camellia** Camellia japonica USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Abundant, large, light pink, peony-style blooms are a delightful contrast to the glossy, dark green leaves. Mass in plantings or use as an accent in shaded beds or patio containers. Slowly reaches 6 to 8’ tall & wide. Blooms: Winter to Early Spring.

**Kumasaka Camellia** Camellia japonica Zone: [8 - 10](#). Bright, rose pink, double blooms are displayed against glossy, dark green foliage. Colorful accent for the shade. Mid to late season bloomer. Needs regular watering - Moderate grower 6 to 8’ tall & wide. Blooms: Winter through mid-spring.

**Nuccio's Bella Rossa Camellia** USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Abundance of formal, crimson red blooms over a long bloom season. Even young plants show an extra heavy bud set Glossy, dark green foliage makes this a prized plant. Reaches 6 - 8’ tall & wide in 10 years; up to 20 ft. tall. Blooms: Late Winter to Mid-Spring.

**Nuccio's Pearl Camellia** Camellia japonica USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Spectacular, fully double blooms with pure white petals edged with an orchid pink blush. Flowers make a dazzling contrast against the glossy, dark green foliage. Slowly reaches 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide; larger with age. Blooms in winter.

**Pearl Maxwell Camellia** Camellia japonica USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Spectacular, soft, shell pink, formal double blooms in mid- to late winter. Flowers create a dazzling contrast against the glossy, dark green foliage. Moderate growing to 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide; larger with age. Blooms: Winter to Early Spring.

**Swan Lake™ Camellia** Camellia japonica USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Very large, snow white, semi-double, peony-like blooms contrast beautifully against the glossy, dark green foliage. Excellent as an evergreen specimen in a woodland garden, as a privacy screen, or in a container. Cut flowers are lovely floating in a bowl of water. Moderate growing to 6 - 8’ tall & wide. Blooms: Winter through Mid-Spring.

**Tom Knudsen Camellia** *Camellia japonica* USDA Zone: [8 - 10](#). Spectacular, dark red, formal blooms accented by deep red veining, stunning contrast to the glossy, dark green foliage. Moderate growing to 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide; slowly larger with age. Blooms: Fall through Winter.

**Apple Blossom Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#) A versatile camellia displaying profuse pink-edged white blooms with yellow stamens. Dense, glossy dark green foliage makes a perfect hedge, screen or espalier specimen. Moderate growing 10' tall & wide.

**Chansonette Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). A versatile flowering shrub, displaying profuse, brilliant pink, double blooms and glossy dark green leaves with a short, pendulous habit. Flowers are perfect for cutting. Moderate grower 2 to 3 ft. tall, 8 ft. wide.

**Kanjiro Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). Cerise pink semi-double bloom edged in red with golden stamens and a slight fragrance. Truly outstanding cut flower. Dense semi-weeping habit and glossy, dark green foliage. Moderate grower 8 to 10' tall & wide. Blooms: Fall - Winter.

**Marge Miller™ Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua*' USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). This Australian introduction is the first prostrate camellia, a natural groundcover or use hanging baskets, and often trained into cascading upright forms. Full, soft pink early season blooms are backed by glossy deep green foliage. Reaches 1 ft. tall, 3 to 4 ft. wide; to 4 ft. tall when staked Blooms: Fall through Winter

**Pink-A-Boo® Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). Fragrant, deep pink blooms centered with bright yellow stamens. The long lasting flowers use floral arrangements or floated in a shallow bowl. Filtered sun Reaches 8 to 10 ft. tall and wide in 12 years; larger with age. Blooms in winter.

**Setsugekka Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). Large, perfectly formed, semi-double, white flowers with ruffled edges and a bright center of golden stamens. Dense, semi-weeping habit and glossy, dark green foliage. Moderate growing; reaches 8 – 10' tall & wide. Blooms: Fall through Winter

**Shishi Gashira Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). Profusion of hot pink, semi-double blooms with golden yellow centers and glossy, dark green foliage. Flowers are perfect for cutting. Low hedge, espalier or specimen. Moderate grower 4 to 5' tall, 6 to 8 ft. wide. Blooms: Fall through Winter.

**Yuletide Camellia** *Camellia sasanqua* USDA Zone: [7 - 10](#). Single, brilliant red blooms centered with bright yellow stamens with glossy, dark green foliage creates a handsome natural hedge, foundation shrub or espalier specimen. Moderate grower 8 – 10'ft tall & wide. Blooms: Fall through Winter.

**Buttermint Camellia** *Camellia* x 'Buttermint' USDA Hardiness Zone: [7 - 10](#). Beautiful, pale, buttery yellow, semi-double blooms adorn this mid-to late season bloomer. Its glossy, dark green leaves and lightly fragrant, ruffled flowers are plentiful enough to cut and bring indoors. This showy evergreen is perfect for brightening up a shady woodland garden. Filtered sun Quickly reaches 6 ft. tall, 4 ft. wide. Blooms: Winter to Early Spring Buttermint is a hybrid of *C. kissi* which is native to India, Nepal, Burma and Southern China and originated at Nuccio's Nurseries in Altadena, CA.

**Fairy Blush Camellia** *Camellia* x 'Fairy Blush' USDA Hardiness Zone: [7 - 10](#). Deep pink buds open to reveal dainty, single, apple blossom colored blooms. The delicate fragrance of the blooms as well as the plant's smaller growth habit make this an ideal camellia for a small courtyard or patio. A mid- to late season bloomer. Evergreen. Filtered sun. Moderate growing; reaches 4 to 5 ft. tall and wide. Blooms in winter. Fairy Blush' is a hybrid of *C. lutchuensis*, originated by M.C. Jury of Jury Nursery, North Taranaki, New Zealand.

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