



## Covina Camellia *Camellia japonica* "Covina"

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<u>Hardiness</u>	<u>Exposure</u>	<u>Soil</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Flowers</u>	<u>Height</u>
Zones 4-9, 12, 14-24, H1	Best out of strong sun	Planting mix with 50% or more of organic material	Moderate to regular watering	Mid summer, medium rose red, semi double to rose form doubled on compact plant	Can reach 20 feet high, but usually 6-12 feet

*Camellia japonica* are the prima donna of the *Camellia* family. From many years of selection and breeding we have given us many colored flowers and flower forms. Flower forms are illustrated along the bottom of this Info Note. Flowers are used for floral display in our homes. They will last for several days either as single specimens or an arrangements. The leaves are excellent as foliage for floral work also. In the garden the dark green shiny leaves look great all year long.

*Camellia japonica* will grow well in full shade to semi shaded garden beds. In these situations, which are often under trees, we have few shrubs that will grow as well and flower to their best. In many cases a favorite camellia has pride of place in a garden with the flowers used for decoration when the bush is in flower. Use of *Camellia japonica* in parks and gardens is one that I would encourage. They do well once established.

*Camellia japonicas* are native to Japan, China and into Malaysia and India. For hundreds of years these magnificent plants were cultivated and treasured in their native countries. It is of relatively recent times that the western world have cultivated *Camellia japonicas* in their gardens. There are innumerable horticultural varieties in cultivation around the world.