## **Blood of China Camellia**





- <u>Use:</u>
  - **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers sheltered site, sunny or shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Camellias grow best in partial shade -- they do not like early morning or late afternoon sun. Red blooming cultivars are more sun tolerant then white or pink flowering cultivars. In the winter camellias need protection from direct sun and drying winds. A planting site under tall pine trees or on the north or west side of a building is ideal. Plants grown in full sun may develop leaf scorch. Its best to not fertilize the first growing season and over fertilization causes plant to be less compact.
  - <u>Growth</u>: It grows at a medium rate and a small to medium specimen with a moderate growth rate to 6 to 10 ft. tall and 6-10 ft wide in a columnar form. May grow larger up to 15' tall and 8' wide over time if unpruned. Prune within 1 month after flower to prevent cutting out following years flowers.
  - <u>Hardiness</u>: Zone 7a-9b, Shrub
  - *Foliage:* Evergreen, Dark green glossy leaves.
- <u>Flower:</u>

Grow a hedge of Camellias and add winter interest to your garden in shady areas.

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