

# Julia Drayton Camellia



## *Camellia japonica* 'Mathotiana' Rubra'

- **Use:** The Japanese Camellia has soil requirements that are similar to that of Azaleas, acidic and well drained, and are not very tolerant of salty soils. The main attraction of Japanese Camellias is the winter flowers. A mid to late season bloomer and has a vigorous, upright growth habit. Also known as Julia Drayton. Deer resistant!
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, sunny or part shade. Camellias must have acidic, well-drained soil and be planted high (trunk base is well above the soil line) in a protected climate, free from extended heavy freezes. Mulch to keep roots cool.
- **Growth:** Moderate-growing to 10-12 ft. tall and 3-10 ft wide, and taller after many years.
- **Hardiness:** 7-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; The foliage is dark glossy green with thick leathery leaves.
- **Flower:** Has extremely large formal double red blooms with loose crimson petals sometimes with purplish cast. Prune only right after blooms fade. **FRAGRANT!**

**Tolerates heat and humidity well!**

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