

Christmas Carol Camellia



Camellia x vernalis 'Green J-039'

- **Use:** When you cross *Camellia japonica* with *Camellia sasanqua* you get the best of two worlds: The graceful, semi-weeping habit makes it useful for those who find japonicas too stiff and stodgy in the landscape. Red, bell-shaped flowers with white edges begin in fall, continuing through the Christmas season. Fallen flowers create a beautiful effect, embellishing the ground in red and white like a holiday skirt.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, part sunny or medium shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Extreme summer heat may cause leaf burn; needs some shade if planted near a white house due to reflection of sun.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 5-7' tall and 3-5' wide.
- **Hardiness:** **Zone** 7a-9b; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, These leaves are dark green, notably pointed, and leathery with a slightly serrated edge.
- **Flower:** Its blooms are semi-double and soft red with white edges and golden stamen in the center. These blooms stand out in the landscape, and really compliment the colors of the holiday season! The hybrid nature means that it has an extended bloom period. Expect it to start blooming in fall and continue through the Christmas season. Prune only right after blooms fade as they set flowers 9 month in advance of blooming.

**Medium
size
makes it
good for
hedges.
Tolerates
heat and
humidity**



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