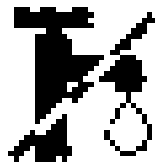


Ack Scent Camellia



Camellia japonica 'Ack Scent'

- **Use:** Every southern garden must include a winter showy camellia. An ideal beginner's plant, the easy-care camellia is covered year-round with broad and glossy toothed leaves. A Dr. Ackerman (of The US National Arboretum) introduction which bloomed for the first time in 1974. (Hybrid seedling of hybrid (C. japonica 'Kramer's Supreme' x C. hybrid 'Fragrant Pink Improved')
- **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 than 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. It's best to not fertilize the first growing season and over fertilization causes plant to be less compact.
- **Growth:** 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.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, Dark green glossy leaves.
- **Flower:** In late winter-spring expect large (4.25" wide), shell pink, peony (18 petals, 16 petaloids) flower with a deep spicy, fragrance, and a floriferous habit. Adding an extra touch of beauty, a cylinder of white filaments with bright yellow anthers peek out from the center of each flower. Midseason bloomer.



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

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