

Altheaiflora Camellia



Tolerates heat and humidity well! We love using them as a shade loving hedge in shade with winter blooms.

Camellia japonica 'Altheaiflora'

- **Use:** A winter to spring bloomer that features abundant peony form carmine red flowers. It has a strong upright habit with slightly weeping branches clothed with dark green leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting and use in indoor flower arrangements or just float one in a bowl of water. It is a superb and outstanding evergreen specimen in the garden that can be grown as a tall shrub or lower branches can be removed to form a highly attractive small tree. A fine addition to red theme gardens, camellia gardens, cottage gardens, and partially shaded woodland gardens.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, prefers a little bit of shade form afternoon sun, and any well drained neutral/acid soil.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 8 to 12 ft. tall and wide, and 6-8 feet wide at the base forming an upside down cone with a slightly weeping habit. Space at 5' wide to make a solid hedge and 10' apart for freestanding shrubs.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Large, glossy, dark green leaves provide a perfect backdrop for the flowers.
- **Flower:** The large carmine red semi-double (peony) flowers appear in midseason of spring. Prune only right after blooms fade.

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