

April Kiss Camellia



Camellia japonica 'April Kiss'

- **Use:** The timeless beauty of camellias carried beyond their traditional range with a full hardiness zone more cold tolerant than most varieties; typically blooms later in colder regions. This wonderful introduction by Dr. Parks is considered by this nursery to be as perfect as a "kiss."
- **Exposure:** Partial shade's preferred, but tolerates sun with ample water, evenly moist, humus-rich; high in organic matter, acidic, well-drained (porous) soils, protection from cold, drying winter winds, ample moisture, mulch layer.
- **Growth:** Reaches 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide; slowly grows larger with age. Possibly 12'+ over 15 years. This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It has no significant negative characteristics.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. The glossy pointy leaves remain dark green throughout the winter.
- **Flower:** The small to medium, red-pink, formal double flower appear in the early season and will last through midseason.



Such glorious blossoms should be reserved as a high profile focal point for close range at entries and for viewing through picture windows. Makes a superior foundation cover-up that

cloaks featureless walls on more sun-challenged exposures. Deserves front yard stature or position at special points around patio or terrace. Beautiful evergreen foliage makes a fine informal hedge, screen or dark background for bright blooming beds and borders. Brings glossy foliage and elegance into dull woodland settings under big old shade trees.

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