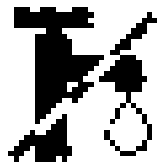


# Gigantea Camellia



## *Camellia japonica* 'Gigantea'

- **Use:** Gigantea sports one of the largest and most unique and impressive flowers of any Camellia on the planet! Each enormous flower is unique to the other with random splashes and markings of both bright red and white. That said, you might see flowers in solid red or solid white, or individual petals in solid red or solid white. Some flowers will have lots of variegation while others won't, and one or both can appear on the same plant. 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.
- **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. Its best to not fertilize the first growing season and over fertilization causes plant to be less compact.
- **Growth:** Medium upright growth. Mature height 10ft -12ft, width 6ft - 8ft. Spacing: 5-6ft for solid hedges; 12ft+ for space between plants
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Glossy dark green leaves.
- **Flower:** Large-very large semi-double to anemone form to peony form that have red and white marbling. Excellent for cutting and use in indoor floral displays or float just one flower in a bowl of water.



Add interest to your winter garden with Camellias.

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