

# Helen Bower Camellia



## *Camellia japonica* 'Helen Bower'

- **Use:** In addition to the beautiful deep rose red formal bloom, Helen Bower has unusual serrated holly like foliage. 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. Sport of 'Dr Knapp'. A real show winning Camellia.
- **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:** Vigorous, upright growth to 6 to 10 ft. tall and 6-8' wide. More with age.
- **Hardiness:** 6-9, shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, glossy leaves. Unusual holly like foliage.
- **Flower:** VERY LARGE rose red with purple shading. Large rose form double to formal double. Mid season bloom. December-March. Prune only right after blooms fade.



Add interest to your winter garden with Camellias. Also makes a lovely hedge.

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