Herme Special Camellia



Tolerates heat and humidity well! Plant Camellias in a hedge for winter interest and privacy in shady areas.





Camellia japonica 'Herme Special'

- <u>Use:</u> 'Herme' means "brilliant gem" in Japanese. It has dark salmon-pink flower with white edge to the petals, and they are streaked with scarlet and showing a few stamens towards the middle of the flower, and it has a great deal of variation with the flowers. Originated in Japan in 1859 and was brought to America in 1875. Once established, Camellias are some of our most drought tolerant ornamentals in the garden and are quite long lived.
- **Exposure:** Morning sun and afternoon shade or filtered sun, on well drained fertile soil is the ideal situation for growing them. Extreme summer heat may cause leaf burn; needs some shade if planted near a white house due to reflection of sun.
- **Growth**: Moderate growing to 8-12 ft. tall and 6-8' wide, larger with age. Prune only within a month of blooms finishing.
- *Hardiness: Zone* 6-9; Shrub
- *Foliage*: Evergreen, Lance shaped, glossy leaves.
- Flower: Large, 4" with a significant number of sports often having different color blooms on the same plant in salmon, pink shades, scarlet, and white. Flowers come in varying hues and variations. 4 months of bloom from late winter to early spring. Prune only right after blooms fade.