

Nagasaki Camellia



Tolerates heat and humidity well! Deer resistant. A must have for every Southern garden to add winter interest.



Camellia japonica 'Nagasaki'

- **Use:** Also known as 'Mikenjaku', this cultivar originated in Japan in the 19th century. A true antique and unusual flower that has variable flowers. Moderate-slow growing evergreen shrub with wavy-edged glossy dark green leaves. Common uses in landscape include hedges, shady foundation beds, cutting garden, woodland garden, mixed borders, privacy screen, specimen, container, or as cut flowers.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, morning sun and afternoon shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Camellias grow best in partial shade -- they do not like late afternoon sun and frost in early morning and sun can cause flowers to fade faster so midday sun or filtered all day is best. 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:** Growing to 8-12ft. tall and 6-8' wide, larger with age. Prune only right after (within a month) blooms fade.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6b-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, Glossy, dark green foliage.
- **Flower:** Large 4-5" semi-double, rose-pink blooms have white markings in late winter to spring. The flowers are perfect for cutting. To enjoy them indoors, display several of them in a vase or take just one of the flowers and float it in a bowl of water.

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