

Pope Pius IX Camellia



Tolerates heat and humidity well! We love using them as a shade loving hedge or trim lower branches to form a tree shape in shade with winter blooms.

Camellia japonica 'Pope Pius IX'

- **Use:** From mid to late winter or early spring, the Pope Pius IX Camellia displays an abundance of large formal double flowers with perfectly arranged vivid carmine rose petals sometimes striped in white. Introduced from China to England in the 1820's, this fantastic heirloom has stood the test of time and for good reason has remained popular among collectors and gardeners ever since. Even when not in bloom, the large, glossy, evergreen, dark green leaves provide outstanding texture in the landscape. Excellent for cutting and use in indoor flower arrangements or just float one in a bowl of water.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, prefers a little bit of shade form afternoon sun, and any well drained neutral/acid soil.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 6 to 10 ft. tall and wide, and 6-8 feet wide at the base forming an upside down cone. Space at 5-6' wide to make a solid hedge and 12'+ apart for freestanding shrubs.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-10b; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Large, glossy, dark green leaves provide a perfect backdrop for the flowers.
- **Flower:** From mid to late winter or early spring, this Camellia displays an abundance of large formal double flowers with perfectly arranged vivid carmine rose petals sometimes striped in white. Prune only right after blooms fade.

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