

R. L. Wheeler Camellia



Camellia japonica 'R.L.Wheeler'

- **Use:** Camellias are the rose of winter in southern gardens, with their colorful blossoms held against deep rich green glossy foliage on a naturally upright to rounded evergreen shrub. Pick the flowers and float them in a bowl of water to bring their beauty indoors.
- **Exposure:** Prefers sheltered site, sunny or shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Extreme summer heat may cause leaf burn; needs some shade if planted near a white house due to reflection of sun.
- **Growth:** Low growing to 8ft-12. tall and wide, 8-10' wide and larger with age.
- **Hardiness:** 6-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, glossy.
- **Flower:** Large, rose-pink, semi-double to anemone, up to 5 inches across. Outer petals, of heavy texture, are twisted and folded. Inner petals, semi-erect, framing a mass of stamens which fan out in a solid circle. Filaments and anthers yellow. Prune only right after blooms fade.



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