

Rev John G Drayton Camellia



Gorgeous flowers that are deer resistant and bring interest to the winter garden! Use as a stand-alone statement or massed for a flowering privacy screen.



Camellia japonica 'Rev. John G. Drayton'

- **Use:** The Rev. John G. Drayton first appeared in US catalogues in 1938. It is believed to have been originated at Magnolia Gardens, Johns Island, SC, and named for the founder. It is a vigorous, compact, upright camellia that displays deep-rose-pink blooms in mid- to late-season. Very cold hardy. Has a loose peony-form bloom that is 3-4" in diameter, with wavy petals centered by golden stamens. Camellias are used as specimen large shrubs, shrub borders and screens. The main ornamental feature is their showy flowers in colder winter months when other plants are dormant.
- **Exposure:** Prefers shade with some shelter from morning (prevents frost damaging flowers) and late afternoon (protects from leaf scorch) shade. Must amend the soil, as they hate red clay! Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. Fertilizer in late spring and early fall with an acid loving plant fertilizer.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower 6-10' tall and 6-8' wide, but taller over 20 years. Space plants 4'-6' apart to create a hedge. Prune only right after flowering.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen. Shiny, rich dark green leaves.
- **Flower:** Medium, semidouble to loose peony form flowers are medium pink with gold anthers and white filaments. Mid to late season bloomer.

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