

Tom Knudsen Camellia



Add interest to your winter garden with Camellias.

Camellia japonica 'Tom Knudsen'

- **Use:** Every southern garden must include a winter showy camellia. An ideal beginner's plant, the easy-care camellia is covered year-round with broad and glossy toothed leaves.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Prefers sheltered site, sunny or shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Camellias grow best in partial shade -- they do not like early morning or late afternoon sun. 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:** Moderate growing 6 to 8 ft. tall and wide, larger(15') with age.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7-9, shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, glossy leaves.
- **Flower:** Spectacular, dark red, formal blooms are accented by deep red veining. Flowers make a dazzling contrast with the glossy, dark green foliage. Early to mid season bloomer.