

Tricolor Camellia



Camellia sieboldii 'Tricolor'

- **Use:** Flowers conjure up visions of candy canes. According to historical record, this cultivar was brought from Japan to Europe by Franz Von Siebold in 1829. It has had real staying power, probably due to its stunning 4" flowers and tolerance of heat and humidity.
- **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:** This cultivar reaches a mature height between 8 and 10 feet and width of 4 to 6 feet. Prune within 1 month after flower to prevent cutting out following years flowers.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b, Shrub
- **Foliage:** Evergreen, Dark green glossy leaves.
- **Flower:** Semi double, the flower shading can vary slightly, but is usually white with red stripes. During a typical bloom cycle, you may find some solid red blooms in there as well.

**Grow a hedge of Camellias
and add winter interest to
your garden in shady areas.**

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