

# Maroon Mist Camellia



**Tolerates heat and humidity well! This unusual beauty is a real collector's item.**



## ***Camellia x 'Maroon Mist'***

- **Use:** A Medium- to Large-sized single to semi-double from the William C Ackerman breeding program in Maryland. A cross of *C. japonica* 'Lady de Saumarez' ("Tricolor Red") and *C. oleifera*. Listed as cold-hardy to at least -5F. Could make a nice evergreen hedge with pruning or a single specimen. So impressive when planted in a row of 5 or more to make an impactful hedge.
- **Exposure:** Morning sun and afternoon shade preferred. Prefers sheltered site, sunny or shade, and any well drained neutral/acid soil. Yellowing leaves indicate acidity too low. Fertilize monthly in spring and summer. If desired, remove all but one bud from each cluster to increase the size of the flower. Prune immediately after flowering.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing to 8 to 12 ft. tall and wide, larger with age. Medium bushy shape.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 7a-9b; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Vigorous, compact, upright, evergreen shrub, valued for small pale green foliage.
- **Flower:** Maroon is a stretch, but the red of an aged bloom does take on brown tones. Flowers are prolific in late winter. We love to float the blossoms in bowls of water. Prune only right after blooms fade.

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