



EARLY BLOOMING CAMELLIAS



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CAMELLIA SASANQUA

Sasanquas are early blooming camellias, beginning in October, and are often grouped with several related species. This camellia group does well in full sun.

- **We will include the following:**
 - **SINENSIS**
 - **VERNALIS**
 - **HIEMALIS**



Camellia Our Linda

Camellia sasanqua Our Linda does well in full sun and is a medium size bloom. Its dense dark green foliage makes a good screen or specimen in the garden.



Camellia Leslie Ann

Camellia sasanqua Leslie Ann is known for its abundance of white blooms with pink edges and yellow centers appearing from fall through December. It has dark green glossy foliage and is a great foundation plant due to its dwarf growth.



Camellia Jean May

Jean May sasanqua is a delicate pale pink and a heavy bloomer. Leaves are dark green and the plant is an excellent choice for a hedge or espalier.



Camellia Shibori-Egao

Camellia sasanqua Shibori Egao means “Smiling Face” in Japanese. It has showy 4 inch semi double variegated blooms and an upright growth habit.

Photos submitted by Mike Chelednik + Marty Clark



Camellia Eskimo Dawn

Camellia sasanqua Eskimo Dawn may be all white but often has striking pink accents. Profuse blooms are 3-4 inch.



Camellia Painted Desert

Camellia sasanqua Painted Desert has large flowers with petals that are white with deep rose red border. This cultivar is a profuse bloomer.



Camellia Winter's Star

Camellia sasanqua Winter's Star is another "series" registration. This medium bloom was designated by the Ag Center at Louisiana State University as a Super Plant in 2015.



Camellia Midnight Ruby

Tiny camellia sasanqua Midnight Ruby is a VERY slow grower with a lot of punch. An excellent addition to your garden and a consistent show winner!



Camellia Cleopatra

Camellia sasanqua Cleopatra is a moderate upright grower with large wavy semi double pink blooms. Like many sasanquas, the blooms are Fragrant!



Camellia Strawberry Limeade

Tiny camellia sasanqua Strawberry Limeade is a miniature known for its unique combination of pink petals tipped with lime green. It is a slow grower and great for tight spaces. Photo from American Camellia Society



Camellia Kanjiro

Camellia hiemalis Kanjiro is a vigorous grower with masses of large semi double blooms. A great screening choice that can reach 8 to 10 feet. Photo from American Camellia Society



Camellia Dazzler

Camellia hiemalis Dazzler lives up to its name with its large deep pink and a touch of violet toned blooms. The growth habit is slow, dense and low.



Camellia Shishi-Gashira

Camellia hiemalis Shishi-Gashira is a great foundation plant due to its dwarf dense growth pattern. Hiemalis are often listed and sold as sasanqua. Photo from American Camellia Society



Camellia Yuletide

Camellia vernalis Yuletide is a VERY popular early bloomer. It has dense tiny dark green leaves and looks great as a focal point or hedge in the garden.

CAMELLIA JAPONICA

Some camellia japonicas are early bloomers, as early as October. The old historical camellias from the 1800s are particularly reliable early bloomers and their blooming continues throughout the season. Japonicas do well in dappled shade and the red bloomers can also do well in direct sun.



Camellia Desire

The beautiful camellia japonica Desire is a very early bloomer. It produces large 4 inch formal double blooms.



Camellia Diakagura

Camellia japonica Diakagura is a historical camellia registered in 1891. As with many old varieties, it is cold tolerant and a consistent bloomer.



Camellia High Hat

Camellia japonica High Hat is a sport of Diakagura. The peony form flowers are shell pink, sometimes with yellow variegation on the leaves. It's slow growth rate gives this plant a compact habit. Photo Submitted by Mike Chelednik



Camellia Margaret Davis

Camellia japonica Margaret Davis is a popular cultivar and normally a midseason bloomer. It does come early with moderate temperatures. It is cold tolerant and a consistent bloomer. Photo from American Camellia Society



Camellia Kiku-Toji

Camellia japonica Kiku-Toji also does well in full sun. The small formal double bloom is dark red with white variegation creating a strong contrast. The plant is upright and vigorous.



Camellia Robert McNeese

Camellia japonica Robert McNeese is a small soft pink formal double that was registered in 1974.



Camellia Early Autumn

Camellia japonica Early Autumn has rose colored formal double flowers. The very dark blue-green dense foliage creates a beautiful display. It can create a colorful evergreen hedge or screen.



Camellia October Affair

Pretty camellia October Affair is a small japonica related to japonica Berenice Boddy and Berenice Beauty. All are early bloomers.



Camellia Tama Americana

Camellia japonica Tama Americana blooms early through late season. The entire Tama camellia collection are all early bloomers. This is a great garden addition.



Camellia Tama Vino

Camellia japonica Tama Vino is another early bloomer in the Tama series and it is a seedling of Tama-no-ura. Photo submitted by Mike Chelednik



Camellia Pink Perfection

The old southern garden favorite camellia japonica Pink Perfection blooms early to late in the season. Blooms are a small perfect formal double form that sometimes swirls. Growth is vigorous & upright.



Camellia Debutante

Another old southern garden favorite camellia japonica Debutante. It blooms early to late season and is a medium peony form. Growth is vigorous & upright.

CAMELLIA HYBRID

Camellia hybrids have been specifically developed to have desired characteristics. Some are very early bloomers. Many are cold hardy and/or sun tolerant.



Camellia Autumn Spirit

Autumn Spirit is one of many in the Autumn camellia sasanqua hybrid series. All are heavy bloomers and do well in sun or shade.



Camellia Donation

Camellia Donation is a williamsii hybrid regarded as one of the finest hybrids. It features large 5 inch semi double orchid pink flowers.



Camellia Jury's Yellow

Jury's Yellow is a williamsii hybrid with medium sized anemone flowers. The row of white outer petals with pale yellow center petaloids interspersed with golden stamens help to create the yellow effect.



Camellia Anticipation

Popular and easy to grow, Anticipation is a camellia williamsii hybrid with very large 6 inch full peony flowers. It is a profuse bloomer beginning in October through May.



Camellia October Magic Ruby

The October Magic series of camellia hiemallis hybrids are cold hardy and disease resistant. Their small low growth form make them ideal for small gardens. Ruby is one of many very popular choices. Photo from Nate & Sherrie Buffum



Camellia Delores Edwards

Camellia japonica hybrid Delores Edwards is a large semi double to anemone bloom form with an upright spreading growth habit.



Camellia Spring Awakening

A non-reticulata hybrid with miniature rose pink flowers. Spring Awakening flowers in a profusion of blooms such that the foliage is hidden. Plant growth is open and upright.



Camellia Scented Sun

Scented Sun is a non-reticluata hybrid that blooms with large white and occasional pink stripes. It is a vigorous upright grower and fragrant. Photo from American Camellia Society



THANK YOU !!!

Questions?