

Camellia Types

Camellia x williamsii Hybrids

The Plantation has a collection of *Camellia x williamsii* hybrids. These spreading shrubs tend to produce single flowers in shades of pink and begin flowering as early as November through to March.



***Camellia x williamsii* 'J.C. Williams'**
Phlox pink flowers with fuchsia pink shading.

Camellia Japonica cultivars were the only Camellias in cultivation until the 1940's. This changed in the early 1900's when George Forrest collected *Camellia saluenensis* seed in Yunnan China for his sponsor J.C. Williams of the Cearhays Estate in Cornwall.

In the 1920's J.C. Williams and others began cross-pollinating *Camellia saluenensis* with *Camellia japonica* cultivars to produce plants which became known as Williamsii hybrids. Williamsii hybrids are often free flowering mainly in shades of pink. The first of the Williamsii hybrids was named J.C. Williams and can be found growing in Camellia Ride opposite the Bog Garden entrance.



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Camellia japonica Cultivars

Isabella Plantation has a large collection of Camellias, the majority of which are old *Camellia Japonica* cultivars many dating back to the 1800's. You can find them flowering between January and March.



***Camellia japonica* 'Hagoromo'**
Petals palest creamy pink.

Camellia Japonica originated in Japan, South Korea and China and is a variable species with well over a hundred years of breeding. This has produced varieties with variable hardiness in a range of colours with single to double flowered types, as well as anemone, peony and rose forms. This species is responsible for 90% of the Camellias in gardens throughout the world.

Camellia sasanqua Varieties

The Garden has a small but expanding collection of *Camellia sasanqua* varieties. Sasanqua's are generally smaller than the other Camellias and tend to produce single fragrant flowers which begin flowering as early as September and continue until January.



***Camellia sasanqua* 'Sasanqua Rubra'**
Rich red single flowers, early winter.

Originating in Japan, a large number were imported to the USA in the 1930's. Many of these were rescued and renamed after World War II. Today many new cultivars have been bred in the USA and Australia where the climate is good for growing sasanquas. Most are single in form, pure white, in colour, tinted pink at flower tips or shaded pink. These delicate shrubs are often not frost hardy and require a sheltered spot.



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1 *Camellia x williamsii*
'Hiraethlyn'
Flowers very pale
apple-blossom pink.



2 *Camellia japonica*
'Tiffany'
Loose peony form
flowers soft pink with
deeper pink shading.



3 *Camellia japonica*
'Twilight'
Flowers soft pink
fading to white at
centre of blooms.



4 *Camellia japonica*
'Nuccio's Jewel'
Full peony form white
to palest pink shading
deeper pink at petal
edges.



18 *Camellia japonica*
'Alba Simplex'
White petals
with yellow
stamens.



17 *Camellia japonica*
'Althaeiflora'
Carmine red peony
form flowers.



16 *Camellia x williamsii*
**'Elizabeth de
Rothschild'**
Semi double soft
pink flowers.



15 *Camellia japonica*
'Apple Blossom'
Pink petals shading
to pale pink.



14 *Camellia japonica*
'Berenice Boddy'
Creamy pink semi
double blooms.



12 *Camellia japonica*
'Lady Vansittart'
Pink, white and
red flowers found
on the same plant.



11 *Camellia japonica*
'Tricolor'
White petal flecked
with pink and red.



10 *Camellia japonica*
'Colonel Firey'
Large spectacular,
formal dark red
blooms.



The Isabella Plantation
Look for the flower symbol on the posts as
you move along the path. Use the numbers
next to the flower to find the description in this
leaflet. Stars are described overleaf.



6 *Camellia japonica*
'Preston Rose'
Salmon pink peony
form flower.



7 *Camellia japonica*
'Shiragiku'
Pure white formal
double flowers.



8 *Camellia japonica*
'Hanafuki'
Semi double pink
cup shaped flowers.



9 *Camellia japonica*
'Lavinia Maggi'
White petals with
red striping.

