

Botanical Name: Camellia sasanqua

Common Name: Sasanqua camellia

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape varies from upright and bushy to spreading and vine-like,
somewhat more loose and open than Camellia japonica, with finer textured foliage

Height 4-10' Spread 4-10' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors half-shade to full sun

Soil requires a well-drained soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-9, 12, 14-24)

Morphology:

Leaves elliptic, alternate, 2-3" long, crenate to dentate margins,
thin, leathery, dark glossy green above, paler beneath

Flowers late fall, short-lived, flimsy -- pink, white, red --
variegated

Fruit globose berry -- 3/4" diameter

Propagation: semi-hardwood cuttings, seed

Usage: excellent espalier, hedge, container or bonsai plant -- may
be used as a sprawling groundcover to vining plant; some varieties bloom during
Christmas season

Landscape Care:

Watering needs regular watering

Fertilizing light applications of acid fertilized spring through fall

Pruning head back lightly after bloom to encourage bushiness

Pests/Diseases camellia petal blight, aphids, red spider mite

Special Conditions mulch frequently through the year

Origin: Japan Family: Theaceae