

Botanical Name: Chaenomeles speciosa

Common Name: Flowering quince

Type of Plant: dicot; shrub Character deciduous

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape dense, spreading shrub, usually forming an upright,
rounded shape with ascending branches

Height 4-8' Spread 4-8' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun

Soil tolerates most any soil

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-21)

Morphology:

Leaves pinnate, alternate, elliptic to oblong, 2-3" long
frequently bronzy when young -- margins usually serrate - branches thorny

Flowers showy pink, red or white flowers, 1-1 1/2" across along
stems

Fruit small hardened pome

Propagation: seed, root cuttings

Usage: barrier, hedge, background plant, sometimes espaliered,
treated as a bonsai specimen - used for striking display of flowers in winter

Landscape Care:

Watering average water

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back and thin out yearly, during or after bloom

Pests/Diseases none major - chlorosis in heavy clay soils

Special Conditions blooms best in cold-winter areas; many cultivars available

Origin: Hybrids Family: Rosaceae