



Camellia japonica



Magasság	5 – 8 m
Szélesség	3-4m
Korona	ovoid / egg-shaped, dark, dense crown
Kéreg és ágak	twigs green, bark grey-brown to grey, smooth
Leaf	evergreen, ovate to elliptical, 5-10 cm long, glossy dark green
Virágok	axillary, single or in pairs, 5-12.5 cm, in many colours, November-April
Gyümölcsök	woody capsule, dark green, later lignified brown
Tüskés/tövises	egyik sem
Mérgező tulajdonság	rendszerint nem mérgező emberek, (nagytestű) háziállatok és haszonállatok számára
Talajtípus	clayed soil, loamy soil, sandy soil
Ültetési hely követelményei	Nem viseli el az útburkolatokat
télállóság	7b (-14,9 és -12,3 °C)
Szélellenállóság	good, no sea wind
Egyéb tűröképességek	széltűrő
Alkalmazások	kiskert, zárt kertek
Forma	magas törzsű fa

The well-known *Camellia japonica* is an evergreen large shrub to small tree. In China, old trees of 10-12 m in height are known, but in our climate they rarely grow taller than 5-8 m. The crown is regularly pyramidal. Later in life, the crown will stretch more making it more oval-pyramidal. The shiny dark green leaves are evergreen and make a great background for the colourful flowers. There is a huge variety of flowers in *C. japonica*. In terms of shape, the flowers range from single, with 5-7 petals, to fully filled with more than 50 petals. There are also cultivars with a pompon of small petals in the heart and semi-filled flowers with a heart of very narrow petals. Flower colours range from pure white, creamy yellow, pink, purple red, orange red to deep red. There are also cultivars with variegated flowers in which the petals are bicoloured striped or spotted. Flowering time also varies widely. There are cultivars that start flowering as early as November, but also cultivars whose last flowers open in April. It is an easy tree that requires well-drained but sufficiently moist soil. Avoid calcareous soil; growth will be greatly reduced and the leaves will turn yellow. Can be planted in full sun, but morning sun can damage the flowers, after night frosts. Best if the north and east sides of the tree are slightly screened.