

Camellia theaceae

One of the loveliest of indoor trees and shrubs, both for the flowers and the foliage. Camellia originated in India to Indonesia, China, and Japan. A genus of about 80 species of evergreen trees and shrubs, both of which have handsome foliage and large, showy blooms.

Flowering takes place from mid-winter to spring.

Temperature:

Cool: keep in the 45°F-60°F range

Light:

Bright indirect or curtain filtered sunlight

Water:

Keep slightly moist

Repotting:

Repot in early spring-- do not repot unless the plant is root-bound. Plant into acidic soil.

Fertilizer:

Feed regularly from early spring to mid-summer. Use of an acid fertilizer is recommended for Camellias.

Cultural Information:

When buds appear, avoid moving the plant, or if there is a sudden change in soil moisture, or temperature-- this may cause bud drop.

Camellias can go outside in a shady spot during the summer months, but bring them back inside in fall before the frost.