

Sasanqua camellia



Camellia sasanqua, with common name sasanqua camellia, is a species of *Camellia* native to China and Japan. It is usually found growing up to an altitude of 900 metres.

It is an evergreen shrub growing to 5 m tall. The leaves are broad elliptic, 3–7 cm long and 1.2–3 cm broad, with a finely serrated margin. The flowers are 5–7 cm diameter, with 5–8 white to dark pink petals. At the beginning of the Edo period, cultivars of *Camellia sasanqua* began appearing; the first record of the cultivars of this plant was made by Ihei Ito (1695–1733). In Japan, it is not considered to be a true *Camellia* as the Japanese call it Sazanka (サザンカ, サザン).

Camellia sasanqua is valued in gardens for its handsome glossy green foliage, and fragrant single flowers that can range in color from white to deep pink and are produced extremely early in the season. Various cultivars have been selected.

Category: Flowering shrubs

Families: Theaceae

Genus: *Camellia*

Species: *sasanqua*

Geographical Area of Origin: Western Asia

Climatic Zones: Temperate Central Italy, South Italy Highlands USDA 9 a

Habit: Shrub

Leaves: Evergreen

Colore Foglie: Verde 

Flowering Period: Gennaio / Settembre / Ottobre / Novembre / Dicembre

Flower: Double flower

Colore Fiori: Viola  Rosa  Bianco  Rosso 

Favorite soil: Sub-acid / medium acid / Middle-Dough / Medium soil


Water needs: Medium

Light Exposure: Medium shade / Half shade / Full light / Full sun

Form: Grown as shrub / bush



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Colore Frutti: Marrone  Viola 