

# Camellia floribunda Knock Out

Common Name Floribunda Camellia

**Height** , Medium Growing (2 - 3m)

Spread , Medium (1 - 2m)

Growing Conditions Full Sun, Low Maintenance, Low Water Use, Part Shade, Tolerates Light Frost, Well

Drained, Wind Tolerant

## **Profile**

Floribunda TM KnockOut is part of a new range of Camellias developed in Australia by Paradise Plants. Perfect for a colourful screen of hedge, fantastic as a feature plants in the ground or in larger pots. The large glowing pink flowers appear early in the season and are prolific right the way through winter. Foliage is dark and glossy and growth, vigorous and upright.

Floribunda camellias can be grown Australia wide. They are tolerant of both heat and light frost, but may need some protection in extreme situations.

## Uses

Medium hedges, Informal screening, Feature shrub, Large containers, Topiary specimens, Bird Attracting, Borders, Containers, Exotic, Fragrance, Hedging, Scented Flowers, Screening, Shrubs, Standard, Topiary

## **Planting**

Full sun or light shade

Soil pH should be neutral to moderately acidic. Poor or heavy soils should be improved with plenty of decomposed organic matter prior to planting and raised beds are recommended for areas with heavy clay soils.

Floribunda Camellias require good drainage and are intolerant of heavy, water logged or clay soils.

1m apart for a hedge or border.

Planting holes should be approximately twice the width and depth of the pot to be planted and back filled with top soil improved with organic matter.

During establishment period deep watering is recommended to encourage a deep root system. Watering can be slowly reduced as plants establish and begin to grow strongly.

#### Care

Once established Floribunda Camellias have a low water requirement however regular irrigation is needed during the first 3 - 6 months, soil should be kept moist but not water logged. Watering can be slowly reduced as plants establish and begin to grow strongly.

Mulching is necessary to reduce moisture loss from the soil and to insulate surface roots from extremes of temperature. Mulch should stop at least 5 -10cm from the stem of the plant as it can lead to an increase in pest and disease problems if in direct contact.

Floribunda Camellias are naturally bushy and upright, so pruning is generally not required. Pruning for shape is best done in late winter or early spring.

Plants should be fed in spring and summer with a high quality complete fertiliser.

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