

Camellia sasanqua Slimline Irresistible

Common Name Camellia sasanqua

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

Early flowering & will flower all Autumn long with a hint of perfume. Plant habit is elegant, slender & upright. Can be grown Australia wide. Is tolerant of both heat and light frost, but may need some protection in extreme situations.

Uses

Medium hedges to 2-3m , Feature shrub, Large containers, Topiary specimens, Screening, Hedging, Bird Attracting, Borders, Containers, Exotic, Fragrance, Hedging, Scented Flowers, Shrubs, Standard, Topiary

Planting

Full sun to light shade

Soil pH should be neutral to moderately acidic

Camellia sasanqua require good drainage and are intolerant of heavy, water logged or clay soils.

60cm 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. 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. During establishment period deep watering is recommended to encourage a deep root system.

Care

Once established Camellia sasanqua 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.

Light pruning once a year after flowering is all that is needed to maintain a bushy well shaped plant. If a more formally structured topiary or hedge is desired more regular trimming maybe required.

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

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