

Camellia Early Surprise™



KEY FEATURES

Exposure	Full sun
Mature Size	5–6' high x 3–4' wide
USDA Zones	Hardy in USDA zones 7–9

- » Start the camellia season early with this new variety; blooms as early as late summer until first frost
- » Vigorous grower with dark green foliage and full sun tolerance
- » Large, med-to-dark pink flower color and upright growth habit.

Camellia Hybrid (xiari qixin 'Summer's Seven Hearts' x reticulata Dr. Clifford Parks) PPAF

HOW TO GROW FROM A LINER

MEDIA	Type	Regular ornamental soil mix
	Soil / Bark	60% new screened bark plus 40% old screened bark.
	Lime	Pulverized dolomitic, 3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	Talstar	3.5 lbs per cubic yard
	pH	5.5–6.0
	EC	1.0–1.5

FINISHING TIME	1 Gal	Plant large liner in winter/spring, finish that fall or next spring with a flush.
	2 Gal	Plant large liner in spring, finish the following spring after a flush.
	3 Gal	Plant large liner in spring, finish the following spring after a flush.

SHIFTING UP	1 → 2 Gal	Shift 1 gallon in fall / winter. Finish following fall and spring.
	1 → 3 Gal	Shift 1 gallon in fall / winter. Finish following fall and spring.

FERTILIZER	Type	Top dress with slow release fertilizer
	App Rate	Medium-low
	Brands	Harrell's 18–5–13 or Osmocote 15–9–11 or Nutricote 18–8–8

CARE	Light	Full sun to part shade
	Growth Rate	Medium
	Water	Low
	Trimming	Due to fast growth perform multiple trims to build structure. Once structure is achieved, avoid pruning after early spring for best bloom.

PROPAGATION

Timing	July, Nov. or Dec.; easier to root than standard japonica late fall to spring
Type	Softwood cuttings
Hormone	None needed
Root Rate	Fast

PESTS & DISEASE	Scale
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Special Note: