

Camellia's Long Blooming Habit Appealing to State's Gardeners

To California gardeners the long blooming habit is one of the appealing features of the ornamental camellia. Brighten the drab days of late fall and winter the camellia remains to greet the spring.

The blooming period of the camellia differs with each variety, reminds the California Association of Nurserymen. In planting this lovely, flowering

shrub, choose varieties that have a late blooming season as well as those which bloom early to mid-season and that way enjoy many months of continuous beauty.

One of the more popular late-blooming camellias is the white Purity, which bears large, symmetrical, double flowers often six inches in diameter. Also blooming in the late season, the

Elena Noble has flame red flowers with a few stamens in the center. This camellia is free flowering and of exceptional merit.

Finest Red
Often called the finest of all reds, Colonel Firey bears late in the season with crimson or cherry-red, broad, formal, double blooms.

A rather new and beautiful camellia, the Eleanor Hagood, has clear, high centered soft pink flowers with petals diminishing in size from large on the outside to small in the center. While the Glen 40 is semi-dwarf in size, it bears large blossoms of red with orange undertones. It blooms from mid to late season and has been known to flower when the plant is only six inches high!

An extremely abundant flowering camellia, is the Monjisu. Also a small bush, Monjisu blooms from winter to early

spring and is ideal for container growing in small areas where considerable color is desired. It flowers in rosy, cherry-red with white spots.

Unusual Bloom
While all the above camellias named have been Japonica types, the Captain Rawes is of the Reticulata race and as such, offers unusual blooms. In large, semi-double flowers, the Captain Rawes is a sparkling, bright pink with a rich iridescence to the color not found in Japonica types. It blooms late in the camellia season.

Because of the large number of late-blooming camellias from which you can choose, (and there are many more varieties available not mentioned here) stop at your local nursery soon to make your selection for immediate planting. Do it now while the late-blooming varieties of camellias continue to bloom and ask your nurseryman to suggest which variety has the best plant for each specific location in your garden and yard.

Recent studies show that 81 per cent of California's 17.3 million acres of commercial forest land are of good or superior quality for growing trees.

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One you have determined that you can raise citrus fruits, and you can almost all over California, choose your fruit trees from orange, lemon, mandarin, grapefruit, kumquat, tangelo and lime and from regular and dwarf sizes. With the regular sized trees, you have fine evergreen plantings of comfortable size for landscaping your yard or patio plus the fragrant flowers and delicious fruit. Dwarf citrus trees, however, have an advantage for they will bear in one or two years while it usually takes three to five years for fruit to appear on the regular. Different types of planting styles are possible with dwarf citrus, too. Try these small

trees in tubs or espaliered along a wall, the California Association of Nurserymen suggests. Either size tree makes a fine

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1. Adopt a regular spray program for any rose bushes needing it.
2. Now that frost is probably over, do what pruning is necessary for plants such as fuchsias, lantanes, bouvardias.
3. Weed your grass lawn the easy way by applying a 2,4-D weed killer.
4. You can get rid of earwigs by dusting plants and the soil around them with a lindane or chlordane dust. Special earwig baits are also available.
5. In your landscape plantings, don't forget California native shrubbery. Your nurseryman stocks a number of natives which will thrive on a minimum of water and care.

Garden Chatter

By LORING BIGELOW

There seems to be a great deal of confusion upon the part of the general public and also upon the nursery and garden supply dealer who handles certain insecticides and herbicides over recent additions to the California Agricultural Code.

The newly-inacted requirements are that anyone using any of the pest control materials that will list below is required to first obtain a permit from the Los Angeles County Agricultural Commissioner, 808 N. Spring St., Los Angeles 12, Calif., Mutual 9211, Extension 2748. If the pesticides are to be used in another county, permission must be received in the form of a permit from the Agricultural Commissioner in that particular county.

Nursery and garden supply dealers are required to have the buyer's signature upon a statement to the effect that he has the required permit before the material is delivered. The following arsenic compounds in a form suitable for application as a dust where delivered in a quantity greater than 50 pounds in any 24 hour period: 1. Calcium arsenate, 2. Standard lead arsenate, and 3. Copper acetoarsenate (Paris Green).

The following organic phosphorus compounds in any amount: 1. TEPP, 2. Parathion, 3. Methyl parathion (Metacide), 4. EPN, 5. OMPA (Schradan), 6. Demeton (Systox).

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substances when delivered in a quantity greater than one pint of liquid or one pound of dry formulation in any 24 hour period: 1. 2,4-D, 2. 2,4,5-T, 3. MCP, 4. 2,4-DF, 5. Silvex. These are for the most part weed killers.

This legislation was enacted by the State of California for your protection, both for your own health and also to avoid any damage to you or your neighbor's person or property. If the State of California saw fit to protect you and your property from improper use of the above mentioned compounds, it is only sensible upon your part to do what it is required through their use.

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