

Camellia sasanqua Paradise Susan

Common Name Camellia sasanqua

Height , Tall (Taller than 3.0m)

Spread , Very Broad (3m+)

Growing Conditions Drought Tolerant, Frost Tolerant, Full Sun, Moderate Watering, Part Shade, Tolerates Dryness



Profile

This vigorous and tall, upright growing Camellia has dark green foliage, with large, single white flowers, broadly edged with magenta purple. Ideal as a specimen plant or tall hedge. Named for Dr Susan Cherry, Bob Cherry's younger sister.

Paradise camellias will grow Australia wide, they are tolerant of light frosts and heat. But may need some protection in extreme conditions.

Uses

Tall hedges, Informal borders, Feature shrubs, Espalier, Large containers, Borders, Containers, Evergreen Tree, Hedging, Screening, Shrubs

Planting

Full sun or light shade

Camellia sasanqua prefer a well drained acid soil. They will not tolerate waterlogged soil and heavy soils should be improved with plenty of organic matter prior to planting.

Good drainage is essential. Heavy or clay soils will require raised beds and addition of organic matter to improve drainage conditions.

Space plants 1m apart for a hedge or border.

With heavy, clay or very poor soils add organic matter to the area prior to planting.

Dig your hole approximately twice the size of the pot being transplanted.

Backfill around your plant with loose soil ensuring that the top of the root ball is sitting level with the surrounding ground.

Water deeply and apply mulch.

Care

Paradise camellias are drought tolerant once established, however regular deep watering is needed for the first 3-6 months. Soil should be moist but not waterlogged.

Mulching will help to protect surface roots from extremes of temperature and also help to maintain moisture levels in the soil. The mulch layer should be applied 10cm thick and kept 5cm - 10cm away from the base of the plant to ensure adequate air flow around the stem of the plant.

Light pruning once a year after flowering is often all that is needed to keep sasanquas neat. However if more formal shapes or hedges are desired more pruning may be necessary. Be aware that trimming off spring growth will remove the next seasons flowers.

Feed only in spring and summer using a good quality complete fertiliser.

To view the extended profile for this variety follow

http://www.paradisepplants.com.au/Plants/Plant.aspx?plant_id=709.