

Camellia sasanqua

COMMON NAME

sasanqua camellia

FAMILY

Theaceae

AUTHORITY

Camellia sasanqua Thunb

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Trees & Shrubs - Dicotyledons

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

BRIEF DESCRIPTION

Upright evergreen shrub to 5 m tall. "Leaves broad elliptic, 3–7 cm long and 1.2–3 cm broad, with a finely serrated margins. The flowers are 5–7 cm diameter, with 5–8 white to dark pink petals." (Wikipedia) Flowers autumn to late winter.

FLOWER COLOURS

Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

2010 (1st record was in Auckland)

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Ornamental

ETYMOLOGY

camellia: Named by Linnaeus after Georg Josef Kamel (21 April 1661 – 2 May 1706), 17th century Moravian Jesuit missionary and botanist who worked in the Philippines.

ATTRIBUTION

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REFERENCES AND FURTHER READING

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Camellia_sasanqua

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/camellia-sasanqua/>

