

Camellia Trail

We have many different varieties of beautiful camellias thriving outdoors throughout the gardens. We have created a fun Camellia Trail, featuring 8 varieties, that you can follow.

In front of each camellia shrub you'll see a little name post, that looks like this:



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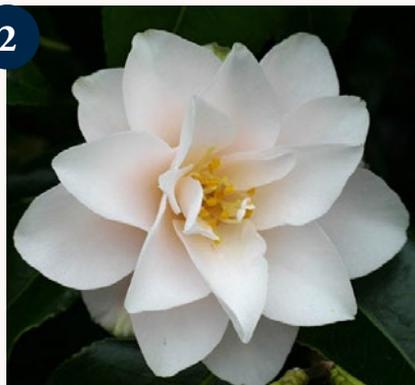
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1. *Camellia japonica* 'Elegans'

'Elegans' is one of the most widely planted Camellias across the world. The original plant is still housed in the conservatory and was planted in the 1830s, supplied by Chandler & Sons Nursery Vauxhall, London.

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2. *Camellia japonica* 'Hagoromo'

It's Japanese name means 'of great antiquity'. It is more commonly known as 'Magnoliiflora', it does resemble the flower of *Magnolia stellata*. The shape of the flower is referred to as the 'double lotus form'.

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3. *Camellia japonica* x *Williamsii* 'Donation'

In the early 1900s a Mr Williams sponsored plant hunters to bring back new varieties of *Camellia* from China. These were then cross pollinated to produce a new group known as the 'Williamsii Hybrids'. One of these is 'Donation', still one of the best-selling Camellias today.

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4. *Camellia japonica* x *Williamsii* 'E.G. Waterhouse'

Eben Gowrie Waterhouse was an important Australian camellia enthusiast in the early 1900s & bred this variety himself in Sydney, Australia. An 'imbricated pink bloom' – imbricated is a term to describe the way the petals neatly overlap each other.

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5. *Camellia japonica* 'Chandleri'

Named for Alfred Chandler who had a nursery in Vauxhall in the early 1800s, from which many of the historic Camellias at Chiswick originated. He supplied many of the plant collectors who would have seen his sale catalogue – this was a beautiful publication containing illustrations and accurate descriptions of the Camellias he offered for sale.

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6. *Camellia japonica* 'Woodsii'

Named after a camellia admirer Mr Woods from Camberwell Grove, London – it is another from the Chandler nursery in Vauxhall.

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7. *Camellia japonica* 'Aitonii'

This is named after William Aiton who was a head gardener at Kew. It was raised from a seed from 'Pompone' in 1819 by Chandler at his nursery in Vauxhall.

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8. *Camellia japonica* 'Alba Plena'

'Alba Plena' means uncountable, white blooms. 'Alba Plena' and 'Variegata' were the first two camellias to arrive from China in 1792.