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## Camellia Setsugekka

Item Name

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Item #

Cam148

Distributor

Payless Plants

Manufacturer

Payless Plants

Unit of Supply

1.5 lit. HP

Annual Production

600

Price

\$7.00



## Camellia Setsugekka

Our second most popular Camellia variety, used mainly as a hedge plant but can also be used as a stand alone ornamental. Mostly it is used as a hedge and is the most common Camellia hedge used by landscapers.

### Short Description

Sasanqua. Large white single with fluted petals, and prominent yellow stamens. Tall and bushy. 2.5m.

### More Information

Breeder or Originator: First recorded in 1898 in Japan, originated by Jisuke Minagawa.

Pronunciation: Set-shu-gek-ka

Synonyms: C. Fluted White, C. Wavy White, C. Elegant Friends

Different Readings: Setsugekwa, Setsugekkwa, Setsugetsekw, Setsu Gekka

# Camellia Setsugekka

(Of interest there is also a Camellia japonica Setsugekka as a different cultivar, first recorded in Japan pre 1925.)

## Use as a Hedge

Camellia sasanqua Setsugekka makes an excellent hedge anywhere from 80cm up to 2 metres in height. For a short hedge plant at about 60cm apart. For a taller hedge plant about 80cm apart. If planted further apart the hedge will take longer to form, and may result in a triangular gap at ground level mid-way between all the plants.

Prune late winter after flowering. If pruned a second time in summer prune lightly so as not to remove all the flower buds. With C. sasanqua varieties flower buds form part way down the stem so light tip pruning should not greatly affect flowering.

## Use as an Ornamental

Camellia Setsugekka can be used as a stand alone ornamental, but its form tends to be open rather than tight and formal like most Camellia japonica varieties. Prune to shape and size as required as outlined above.

Like all Camellias if the plant gets old and loses form, prune severely back to a stump 30 - 50cm high. After a few weeks new shoots will appear from the stump and the plant will reform.

## Cultivation

Camellias will grow in full sun or partial shade. In very dark shade the plant may still grow but will likely lose all form as it searches for light.

Camellias do like a good rich loamy soil to grow in. Poor soils (clay, sand) will cause stunted growth, and foliage color may fade to a lighter green and even cause yellowing.

Ground should be average garden conditions. Excessive irrigation should be avoided once planted as excessive water can cause root rot. Root rot shows the same foliage symptoms as drought.

Plant at the same depth as it is in the container, give a good water to settle the dirt around the roots, and generally leave alone apart from pruning. A newly planted plant will only need additional water through the first summer, and then only 1 to 2 times per week in very dry conditions.

Generally, Camellias should require no fertilizer after planting assuming reasonable top soil. If fertilizer is required use an NPK with FE, and only a teaspoon fill sprinkled over the soil surface within the drip line. After planting Camellias tend to do nothing for several weeks while they settle in. Most growth occurs mid spring onwards.

