



# GROWING & USING **CAMELLIAS**

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## C. X WILLIAMSII HYBRIDS

### C. x williamsii 'Ballet Queen'

Origin: New Zealand (Les Jury) 1976;  
parentage not listed

Appearance: Mid to late season

large, peony form, salmon coloured flowers on an upright, medium to fast growing shrub.

Notes: Upright growth makes it suited to training as a standard.

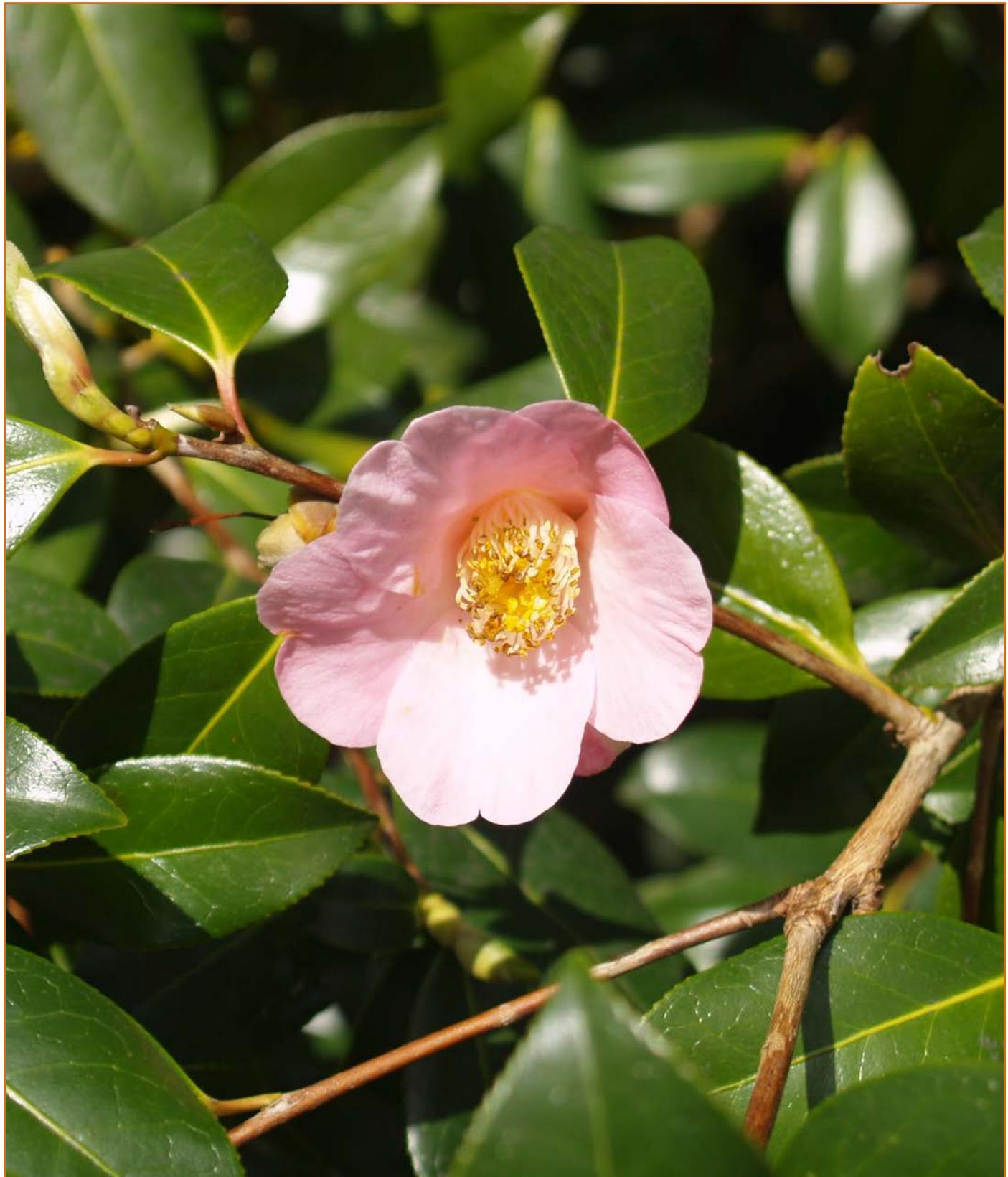


C. x williamsii 'Ballet Queen'

### *C. x williamsii* 'Burncoose'

Origin: 1985 UK (Cornwall) raised at Caerhays Castle and Burncoose nurseries. Parentage not listed.

Appearance: Pale pink single of 7-9 petals. Medium size. Compact growth. Originated at Caerhays Castle, Cornwall, England.



Camellia sasanqua Yuletide

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*C. x williamsii* 'Carnation'

Origin: UK late 1980's; parentage not listed

Appearance: Carmine - cerise pink, peony form flowers on a shrub with spreading growth.



Camellia x williamsii Carnation

## *C. x williamsii* 'Cheapside'

Origin: UK late 1980s (by R.F. Winton) a seedling from *C. saluensis* x *C. japonica* 'Gloire de Nantes'

Appearance: Deep rose-pink, semi-double flowers on a slightly lax, open shrub with dark green foliage.



Camellia x williamsii Cheapside

## C. x williamsii 'Debbie'

Origin: New Zealand (Les Murray) 1966;  
parentage – *C saluenensis* x *C. japonica*  
'Debutante'

Appearance: Large, mid-season, dark pink semi-double to peony form flowers that are sometimes formal-double appear on an upright, free flowering, bushy shrub.



Camellia hybrid Debbie

## *C. x williamsii 'Donation'*

Origin: England by C. Stephenson and R Clarke 1976 at Borde Hill; parentage *C. saluenensis* x *C. japonica* 'Masayoshi'.

Appearance: Flowers are large semi-double, light orchid pink with darker

pink veins on a vigorous shrub of compact growth.

Notes: prefers cool climates and will cope with light frosts; Received the RHS Award of Merit and the US National Hall of Fame award in 1978.



Camellia X Williamsii Donation

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*C. x williamsii* 'E.G. Waterhouse'

Origin: Australia raised by E.G.  
Waterhouse in 1946 (released 1955)

Appearance: Formal double fuchsia pink flowers with several rows of imbricated petals on a upright, vigorous shrub with dull green foliage.



Camellia x williamsii E G Waterhouse

## *C. x williamsii* 'Empire Rose'

Origin: New Zealand early 1988 from a 1976 seedling a cross between 'Kimberley' and 'Rendezvous'.

Appearance: Flowers are, profuse, mid-season, small to mid-sized 8cm across and rose-from to peony form double and rose pink with yellow stamens topping deep pink filaments on a neat shrub.



Camellia X williamsii Empire Rose

## *C. x williamsii 'Francis Hanger'*

Origin: UK (Wisley) 1946 released  
1963 a cross between *C. japonica 'Alba Simplex'* x *C. saluenensis*

Appearance: Free flowering pure, single, white blooms to 8cm diameter with a central bunch of bright yellow stamens on an initially spreading slow growing shrub that becomes compact and

rounded as it matures; leaves are dark green, broad, ovate to 8cm long and 5cm wide with coarsely crenate margins.

Notes: Ideal for the small garden or as a container plant.

The growth is slow, with a tendency to spread, eventually forming a compact, rounded bush - a good



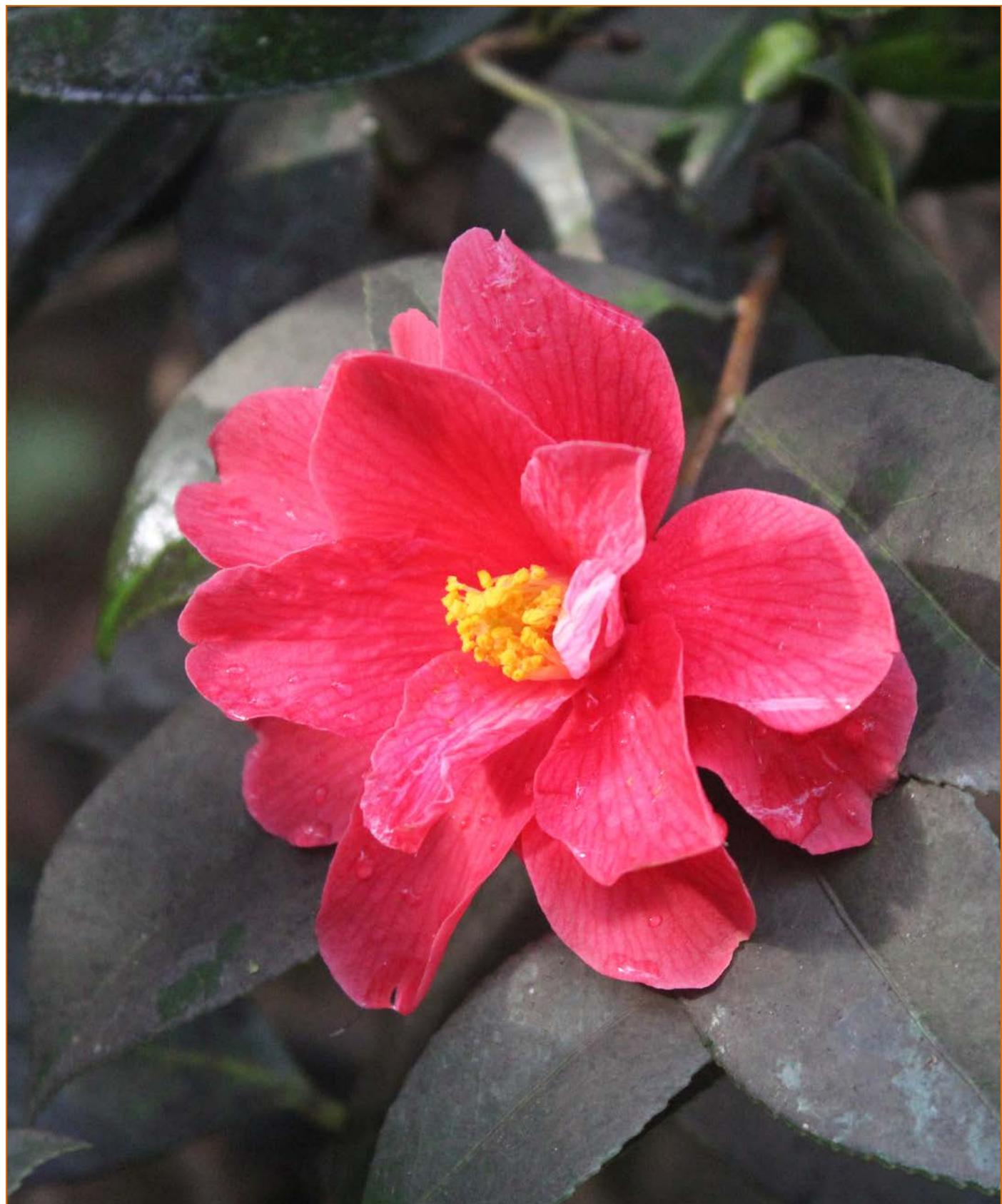
Camellia x williamsii Francis Hanger

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*C. x williamsii 'Freedom Bell'*

Origin: USA - Nuccio's Nurseries 1965  
parentage not listed

Appearance: Coral red, semi-double,  
mid-sized flowers on a shrub with  
dark green leaves and of an upright,  
dense form.



Camellia x williamsii Freedom Bell

## *C. x williamsii 'George Blandford'*

Origin: England early 1960s seedling from *C. saluenensis* x *C. japonica* 'Lady Clare'.

Appearance: Early mauve-pink, semi double and somewhat peony form flowers on a shrub with a spreading habit.

Notes: Received the RGS Award of Merit in 1965 and again in 1974.



Camellia X williamsii George Blandford