

Camellias

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Queens of the winter flowers

Camellias hail from the Asian continent and are found naturally in China, Japan and surrounding countries.

The most famous of all camellias in the world is probably *Camellia sinensis*, whose leaves are used to produce the world's most popular beverage: tea.

The *Camellia japonica* was named after the Jesuit botanist, Georg Joseph Kamel, who worked in the Philippines and described a species of camellia.

There are more than 200 species and

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