Camellias for North FL

Camellias make excellent landscape plants, flowering at a time of year when few other shrubs are at their peak. With their variety of forms, evergreen leaves, and low maintenance, camellias shine even when they're not in flower. Camellias generally prefer partial shade, sheltered from the hot afternoon sun. The canopies of older plants shade their own roots so they can tolerate more sun. The two main camellia species we grow in North Florida are Camellia sasanqua and Camellia japonica. Japonica camellias are generally larger, have larger leaves and flowers, and bloom later in the season (January to March) than the sasanquas. The sasanquas bloom from October to December, and can handle more sun.

Camellia	Height (feet)	Width (feet)	Flower color	Scented?	Bloom season
C.s. Apple Blossom*	10	10	White with Pink	Y	Early
C.s. Bob Hope	6-8	6-8	Dark Red		Mid to Late
C.s. Bonanza	4-5	4-6	Red		Early
C.j. Carter's Sunburst	6-8	6-8	Medium Pink		Mid
C.s. Chansonette	2-3	3-4+	Bright Pink		Mid
C.j. Debutante	6-8	6-8	Light Pink		Early to Mid
C.s. Kanjiro	8-10	8-10	Rose	Y	Early to Mid
C.j. Kramer's Supreme	6-8+	6-8+	Deep Red	Y	Mid
C.j. Magnoliaflora	6-8	6-8	Blush Pink		Mid
C.s. Marge Miller tree*	3+	3-4, weeping	Light Pink		Early
C.s. Marge Miller staked*	4	3-4	Light Pink		Early
C.j. Mathotiana Supreme	6-8	6-8	Red		Mid to Late
C.j. Nuccio's Bella Rossa	6-8	6-8	Crimson Red		Mid to Late
C.j. Nuccio's Gem*	6-8	6-8	White		Mid
C.j. Nuccio's Pearl	6-8	6-8	White/Pink Blush		Mid
C.j. Pearl Maxwell	6-8	6-8	Shell Pink		Mid to Late
C.s. Pink A Boo	8-10	8-10	Deep Pink	Y	Early
C.s. Setsugekka	8-10	8-10	White		Early to Mid
C.s. Shi Shi Gashira	4-5	6-8	Hot Pink		Early to Mid
C.j. Silver Waves*	6-8	6-8	White		Early to Mid
C.j. Springs Promise	6-8	6-8	Rose		Mid to Late
C.j. Swan Lake	6-8	6-8	White		Mid to Late
C.j. Tom Knudsen	6-8	6-8	Deep Red		Early to Mid
C.s. White Doves	4-5	4-5+	White		Mid to Late
C.s. Yuletide	8-10	8-10	Red		Early

*Espalier and Patio Tree Forms: Maintain present size and form with pruning.