

Garden Guide

September

Feature Plant

Camelia



Camelias! These lush, shiny, dark green shrubs that burst in autumn, winter & sometimes spring, with large, fragrant flowers ranging from whites, pinks, purple-reds and a range of bi-colours are an easy option in all home gardens!

These frost hardy bushes love a shady spot in your garden where they'll be protected from hot, drying winds and the summer sun. Camelias grow spectacularly in well drained, slightly acidic soil ranging between a pH of 6-6.5.

They are a low maintenance shrub that loves a good dose of our **Katek Rose & Flower Fertilizer granules** in December and also when the flowers are coming to an end. To care for their shallow roots, we recommend spreading a layer of

Katek Not Just Mulch around the base of the plant to maintain moisture.

It is also a handy tip to get the most out of your camelia's by feeding them with our Neptune Liquid Seaweed Concentrate on a 'little and often', regime every three to six weeks - to

promote stronger roots and better flowers!



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To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul.

Alfred Austin

Feature Product

Neptune Liquid Seaweed



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What to Plant

Flowers

Cool Climate/Temperate

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|------------|---------|--------------|
| Alyssum | Aster | Crysanthemum |
| Cornflower | Dahlia | Dianthus |
| Foxglove | Gazania | Hollyhock |
| Impatiens | Lobelia | Marigold |
| Petunia | Salvia | Zinnia |

Subtropical






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| Ageratum | Aster | Balsam |
| Carnation | Cosmos | Dianthus |
| Geranium | Gerbera | Impatiens |
| Marigold | Pansy | Petunia |
| Rudebeckia | Sunflower | Verbena |

Tropical

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| Ageratum | Amaranthus | Begonia |
| Crysanthemum | Coxscomb | Coleus |
| Cosmos | Dahlia | Dianthus |
| Gerbera | Kangaroo Paw | Marigold |
| Petunia | Portulaca | Salvia |
| Sunflower | Torenia | Verbena |

Feature Garden



-  Time to re-pot container plants, choosing bigger pots for those that have overgrown.
-  Cut off spiraling, overgrown roots if using the same pot.
-  Re-fill pots with Katek Potting Mix, which feeds plants for up to 6 months.
-  Cut back cordylines to encourage branching lower down. Prunings can be used to strike new plants later on.
-  Prune all flowers and plants that have previously flowered, encouraging new growth for Spring!

Super Chicken's Top Tips



Vegetables/Herbs

Cool Climate/Temperate

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|------------|-----------|------------|
| Beans | Beetroot | Capsicum |
| Cucumber | Leeks | Potato |
| Pumpkin | Rockmelon | Silverbeet |
| Sweet Corn | Tomato | Turnip |

Subtropical

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|------------|-----------|--------------|
| Artichokes | Asparagus | Basil |
| Capsicum | Coriander | Eggplant |
| Fennel | Pumpkin | Sweet Potato |
| Tomato | Turnip | Watermelon |

Tropical

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|--------------|--------|------------|
| Basil | Ginger | Sweet Corn |
| Sweet Potato | Taro | |

Ruth Subramaniam, Chatsworth, South East QLD

Ruth's garden is on a shale ridge at Chatsworth. She uses organic fertilizer pellets on most plants, especially the vegetables. Robyn is keen to recommend Katek pellets as she has noticed that over the years her garden soil has increased in volume, friability and moisture-retention.