

**WELCOME TO THE TOUR OF THE
CAMELLIA COLLECTION OF THE
E. G. WATERHOUSE
NATIONAL CAMELLIA GARDENS**



About Camellias

Camellias, belonging to the botanical Family Theaceae, are among the world's most popular flowering shrubs and trees. Originating in Asia (particularly China, Japan and Vietnam) they are now prized by horticulturists and gardeners across the world, particularly as most flower in winter when other flowers are scarce. Camellias include the tea of commerce (*Camellia sinensis*) and have a known history of human cultivation approaching 5000 years. Camellias have a long history even in post-European settlement Australia, possibly arriving with Lady Brisbane in Sydney as early as 1821 with first plantings at Sydney's Royal Botanic Gardens in 1823.

How to explore the Gardens' collection (three simple steps)

- (1) Choose which Garden bed you would like to explore (see Garden bed numbers on **Map**). Garden beds have a name as well as a number to aid with quick identification.
- (2) Go to the list for the particular numbered Garden bed you have chosen. Wherever possible, a photograph has been provided of each camellia flower in these Garden beds in addition to the story behind it.
- (3) If you want more detailed horticultural background as to how this collection has been identified and labelled, please examine the background document, **Register of Camellia Collection and Significant Landmarks**.

Some common Camellia flower forms



SINGLE



SEMI-DOUBLE



INFORMAL DOUBLE



FORMAL DOUBLE



ANEMONE FORM