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THE COVER FLOWER

C. japonica 'Astronaut'

This month's cover flower is a 1964-1965 introduction of Select Camellias, Inc., located in Whittier, California. It is a medium red semi-double flower with a show of yellow stamens. It is a welcome addition to camellia varieties because it blooms early, starting to bloom in November and continuing through March. Plant growth is medium, compact and upright.