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## THE COVER FLOWER

Camellia people in Southern California have been patiently awaiting the release by Nuccio's Nurseries of the hybrid seedling 'Francie L' which they purchased three or four years ago from the originator, Ed Marshall of the Huntington Gardens staff. They moved the several large size plants to their nursery when they were in full bloom — full of five inch, rose pink semi-double flowers with irregular upright wavy petals. The flower will reach 6 inches in size. It is a cross of saluenensis 'Apple Blossom' X *reticulata* 'Buddha'. It sets buds all along the branch and presents a striking appearance as the buds open in quantity. 'Francie L' can be purchased at Nuccio's Nurseries in Altadena or, in Northern California, at Redwood Empire Camellias in Sebastopol.

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