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THE COVER FLOWER

C. JAPONICA, 'SHIN-TSUKASA-NISHIKI' (NEW CHIEF'S BROCADE)

This is one of the representative varieties of the "Higo" Camellia. The single flower form opens flatly and emphasizes the "open-hearted" feature of these cultivars. About 160 stamens radiate from the center of the bloom and they are guarded by six broad petals. The flower is white streaked and splotched rose pink and has a diameter of about 11 cm. The plant blooms in February and March, and has a vigorous, spreading growth. The photograph from which this color separation was made was sent to us by Mr. Yoshiaki Andoh from Kobe, Japan.

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