

# FLOWERING QUINCE

## CHAENOMELES SPECIOSA

A CLASSIC GARDEN SHRUB, FLOWERING QUINCE BLOOMS AT JUST THE TIME WHEN WE ARE MOST CRAVING FLOWERS! ITS UNASSUMING GREEN LEAFINESS DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS AND BARE-THICKETINESS OF THE WINTER LULLS US INTO COMPLACENCY ABOUT THE PLANT, A 6-8' TALL AND UP TO 10' WIDE SHRUB, UNTIL THE BLOSSOMS BURST FORTH IN EARLIEST SPRING AND WE REMEMBER THEIR BREATHTAKING, FRAGILE BEAUTY. EASY TO GROW AND TOLERANT OF CLAY, HEAT, AND DROUGHT, OLD SPECIMENS OF FLOWERING QUINCE HAVE NATURALIZED MANY PLACES IN OUR FOOTHILLS. DO BRING IN BUDDED BRANCHES IN WINTER FOR FORCING AND SAVOR THE SPRING BEFORE IT AT LONG LAST ARRIVES. PROVIDES INVALUABLE EARLY FORAGE FOR THE BEES!

ZONES 5-9



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