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# Double Take® Pink Flowering Quince

Chaenomeles speciosa 'Pink Storm'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: O

Hardiness Zone: 5a

Other Names: Common Quince

Group/Class: Double Take Series

## **Description:**

A small shrub covered in coral pink flowers in spring, a profuse bloomer; more compact than the species; thornless and does not produce fruit; a single-season showstopper adding vivid color in spring; prune to maintain shape

#### **Ornamental Features**

Double Take Pink Flowering Quince features showy coral-pink cup-shaped flowers with buttery yellow eyes along the branches in early spring before the leaves. The flowers are excellent for cutting. It has green deciduous foliage which emerges red in spring. The glossy oval leaves do not develop any appreciable fall color.

## Landscape Attributes

Double Take Pink Flowering Quince is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



Double Take Pink Flowering Quince flowers Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder



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This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. Deer don't particularly care for this plant and will usually leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Double Take Pink Flowering Quince is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

#### **Planting & Growing**

Double Take Pink Flowering Quince will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub should only be grown in full sunlight. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.