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Cornus amomum

Silky Dogwood



Also called pale dogwood. White flowers in June, blue berries in August, loved by birds. Reddish twigs are attractive in winter. Tolerates a range of sites and soils, but thrives in moist or wet, slightly acid soil. Great for massing on streambanks, etc.

Suggested companions: winterberry (*Ilex verticillata*), meadowsweet (*Spiraea alba*), pussy willow (*Salix discolor*), cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), tamarack (*Larix laricina*), swamp goldenrod (*Solidago patula*)

Photo Credit: Bill Schneider, Wildtype Design Nursery Seed, Ltd.

Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 3-9' H
6-10' W

Water Tolerant: Somewhat

Habitat:

Swamp/ Bog
Wet Meadow
Lake and Pond Margins
Streambanks

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Rich Moist
Very Damp/Wet
Sandy/ Gravelly
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:

White

Bloom Time:

June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Winter interest
Butterfly attracting