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# Cornus florida

## Flowering Dogwood



A beautiful small tree. Lovely white flowers in the spring, before the leaves, bright red fruit, great fall color, and distinctive, horizontal branching structure. Requires a moist, acidic soil with plenty of organic material to really thrive. Part shade is ideal. Many cultivars are commercially available. Unfortunately, a fungal disease, anthracnose, has damaged and killed many dogwoods in the Eastern U.S., and may well find its way west.

**Suggested companions:** oaks (*Quercus* sp.), hickories (*Carya* sp.), Pennsylvania sedge (*Carex pensylvanica*), wild geranium (*Geranium maculatum*) and ferns.

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Plant Type: Small Tree  
Size: 15-40' H  
20-30' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin  
Forested Upland

Soil: Average Garden Soil  
Rich Moist

Exposure: filtered  
shade

Flower Color:  
White

Plant in: Spring

Groundcover: No

Bloom Time:  
May  
June

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting  
Wildlife attracting  
Fall color  
Butterfly attracting  
Winter interest