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Cornus racemosa

Gray Dogwood



Sometimes listed as *Cornus foemina*. A remarkably tough, adaptable shrub. Will grow almost anywhere. Suckers along lateral roots to form large colonies. Varies tremendously in size and density depending on site. White flowers in May and June. White berries in August with bright red stems. Berries are quickly eaten by birds, leaving the red stems beautifully exposed. Fall color is often a deep maroon-purple. Also known as *Cornus foemina*.

Suggested companions: shining sumac (*Rhus copallina*), showy goldenrod (*Solidago speciosa*), little bluestem (*Schizachyrium scoparium*), smooth aster (*Aster laevis*)

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Plant Type: Shrub

Size: 6-12' H
6-12' W

Water Tolerant: No

Habitat:

Woodland Margin
Open field/ Prairie

Soil: Average Garden Soil
Sandy/ Gravelly
Rich Moist
Clay

Exposure: sun
filtered

Flower Color:

White

Bloom Time:

May
June

Plant in:

Groundcover: No

Other Attributes:

Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Fall color
Butterfly attracting