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Cornus stolonifera

Red-Osier Dogwood



Also called *Cornus sericea*. A very adaptable shrub; will tolerate a wide range of conditions, although it performs best in moist, slightly acid soil. Transplants easily, spring or fall. Dense, flat clusters of creamy-white flowers in late spring, followed by white berries in September, which are quickly eaten by birds. Red stems are attractive all winter. (For best winter color, plant in a sunny area and prune hard in spring.) Beautiful planted in masses.

Suggested companions: sensitive fern (*Onoclea sensibilis*), marsh marigold (*Caltha palustris*), cut-leaved coneflower (*Rudbeckia laciniata*), great blue lobelia (*Lobelia siphilitica*), ostrich fern (*Matteuccia struthiopteris*), cedar (*Thuja occidentalis*), Riddell's goldenrod (*Solidago riddellii*)

Plant Type: Shrub
Size: 3-9' H
3-9' W

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Water Tolerant: Somewhat

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

Flower Color:
White

Bloom Time:
May
June

Other Attributes:
Bird attracting
Wildlife attracting
Winter interest
Butterfly attracting

Habitat:
Shrubby Wetland
Wet Meadow
Swamp/ Bog
River Margins

Exposure: sun

Plant in:

Groundcover: No