

Dogwood

(Cornus sp.)

This family of shrubs and small trees contains some of the best landscape plants available. All are known for spring flowers, fall berries, and a spectacular autumn color. Dogwood will fare well anywhere except where the summers are extremely hot and dry. The Siberian or tatarian dogwood (*C. alba*) has white flowers in spring followed by light blue berries, and vivid red twigs all winter. The red-osier (*C. sericea*) has white fruits and flowers. This species has a variety called *Flaviramea*, with yellow twigs. The Cornelian cherry (*C. mas*) is covered with a cloud of yellow flowers in very early spring. It can reach 24 feet in height and the others grow to 10 feet.

Soil: Rich, moist

Light: Full sun or part shade

Zone: 3 - 5

Comments

Prune those with colored twigs often to force new, more highly colored growth.