

Red Osier Dogwood

Cornus sericea



Mature



Fall

General Attributes

Type	Deciduous Shrub
Height	6 - 12 Feet
Spread	6 - 12 Feet
Form	Rounded
Utility Lines	Compatible
Growth Rate	Fast
Life Expectancy	Short
USDA Zone	2 - 8
Root Pattern	

Plant Community

Sun	Full Sun
Orientation	North, South, East, West
Soil Texture	Sand to Clay
Topography	Upland, Lowland (Flood Prone), Lowland (Stable Water), Wetland
Plant Community	Bog, Dune, Inland Fresh Meadow, Wooded Swamp, Forest Edge, Grassland
Succession	Pioneer
Origin	MSA Zone 1, MSA Zone 2, MSA Zone 3, MSA Zone 4, MSA Zone 5, MSA Zone 6, Minnesota, North America

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Flowers/Foliage/Fruits

Flower Color	White
Flower Season	Spring
Fruit	Drupe
Fruit Color	White
Fruit Season	Summer
Summer Texture	Medium
Winter Texture	Medium
Spring Foliage	Green
Summer Foliage	Green
Fall Foliage	Red
Winter Foliage	Not Applicable

Planting Ease

Spring Bareroot	Easy
Fall Bareroot	Easy
Spring Container	Easy
Fall Container	Easy
Spring Seed	
Fall Seed	

Pests/Problems

Allergens	males 5, females 5
Invasiveness	Invasive
Toxicity	
Cold Injury	Not Susceptible
Storm Damage	Not Susceptible
Biological Control	
Mechanical Control	
Chemical Control	

Soils

Salt Spray Tolerance	Sensitive
Soil Salt Tolerance	
Compaction Tolerance	Tolerant
Water Table	12 Inches
Drainage	Poor, Moderate
Flood Tolerance	
Drought Tolerance	
Moisture Regime	Moist, Wet
pH	3.2 through 8.5
Windbreak Group	

Maintenance

Formal	Moderate
Informal	Low
2,4-D Tolerance	Sensitive
Dicamba Tolerance	Sensitive
Picloram Tolerance	Sensitive
Clopyralid Tolerance	
Artificial Light	Sensitive
Sulfur Dioxide	Moderate
Ozone Tolerance	Sensitive
Hydrogen Flouride	Tolerant
Nitrogen Oxide	

Miscellaneous

Wildlife Rating	High
Insect Concerns	Minor
Disease Concern	Minor
Wildlife Concerns	

Comments

Formerly *C. stolonifera*. Can be an effective bank cover for it holds soil well. Freely suckers so allow plenty of room. Scale insects can be a problem.

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Bark