

RED TWIG DOGWOOD *CORNUS SERICEA*

PLANT CHARACTERISTICS

Size

6 - 9' high, 8 - 12' wide

Sun/Shade

Full Sun to part shade

Water

Medium to wet

Maintenance

Medium

Life Span

Deciduous Perennial, Zone 3-8

Description

Cornus sericea, also known as Red Twig Dogwood and Red Osier Dogwood is best known for its stems which are reddish in color turning bright red in winter, providing a vivid backdrop for a new fallen snow. It's bloom May through June is a tiny white fragrant flower which turns to a fleshy fruit in late summer attracting birds, bees and butterflies. Its leaves are medium to dark green in spring turning to shades of red-orange and finally to purple in autumn. New stems display the best color and some gardeners prune in early spring to promote new growth. This shrub can also be pruned to about 8" in early spring to promote even more new stems. Red twig dogwood is tolerant of deer and thrives in both lay and wet soils including rain gardens as well as near other water sources. It also produces a dense hedge if allowed to grow without pruning.

Source: [Missouri Botanical Garden](https://www.mobot.org/MOBotAN/DC/DC_00000001.htm)



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