



Species: *Cornus sericea* or *alba*

(kore'nus al'bah)

Red Twig Dogwood; Redosier Dogwood; Tatarian Dogwood

Cultivar Information

* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

Ornamental Characteristics

Size: Shrub 4 to 8 feet

Height: 6' - 8' (spread 5' - 8')

Leaves: Deciduous

Shape: rounded

Ornamental Other: Cut back every year or two to encourage new growth that has the best winter color

Environmental Characteristics

Light: Full sun, Part shade

Hardy To Zone: 3a

Soil Ph: Can tolerate acid to alkaline soil (pH 5.0 to 8.0)

Salt Tolerance: Tolerates salt spray

Environmental Other: adaptable to cold; full sun or partial shade

Insect Disease

borers can be a serious problem on weak or stressed shrubs; also - crown canker, flower and leaf blight, leaf spots, powdery mildew, twig blights, root rots, dogwood club gall, leaf miner, scales, and more

Bare Root Transplanting

Easy

Other

Basal pruning required in early spring to maintain bright red stems; easily transplanted; *C. Sanguinea* also excellent twig color but less hardy (Zone 5). *C. alba* is native to East Asia; *C. sericea* is native to North America.

Cultivars for *Cornus sericea* or *alba*

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Cultivar Name	Notes
Baileyi	'Baileyi' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; good stem color, superior flowering and fruiting to species
Cardinal	'Cardinal' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; superior stem color
Flaviramea	'Flaviramea' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; bright yellow bark, susceptible to canker
Isanti	'Isanti' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; relatively dwarf form, 5-6 feet tall, low, dense, mounding; heavy fruiting
Kelseyi	'Kelseyi' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; dwarf form, to 3 feet
Silver and Gold	'Silver and Gold' - <i>C. sericea</i> cultivar; yellow bark form with variegated leaves
Alleman's Compact	'Alleman's Compact' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; relatively dwarf form, to 6' tall
Elegantissima	'Elegantissima' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; white variegated foliage
Ivory Halo	'Ivory Halo' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; white variegated foliage with more dense, compact habit than 'Elegantissima'
Bloodgood	'Bloodgood' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; markedly showy red stems
Bud's Yellow	'Bud's Yellow' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; bright yellow stems, a good substitute for the disease-prone <i>C. sericea</i> 'Flaviramea'
Gouchaultii	'Gouchaultii' - <i>C. alba</i> cultivar; yellow, pink, and white variegated leaves
Siberian Pearls	'Siberian Pearls' - superior flowers and fruits; white fruits mature to blue
Sibirica	'Sibirica' - superior coral-red stems and bluish fruits
Spaethii	'Spaethii' - yellow variegated leaves
Arctic Fire	Dark red stems, a compact version of 'Baileyi'
Pucker Up	Puckered, thick, glossy foliage; compact growth; 3-4'tall.

Photos



Cornus alba - Winter Interest



Cornus sericea - Bud



Cornus sericea - Fruit



Cornus sericea - Buds



Cornus sericea - Habit



Cornus alba - Leaves



Cornus sericea - Bark



Cornus alba 'Argenteo-marginata' - Habit



Cornus sericea or alba - Fruit, Leaves