



## 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. Sanquinea* 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