

# Species: Cornus alternifolia

### Pagoda Dogwood

#### **Cultivar Information**

\* See specific cultivar notes on next page.

#### **C**rnamental Characteristics

Size: Tree < 30 feet</p>
Height: 15' - 25' (can be wider in spread)
Leaves: Deciduous
Shape: spreading, horizontal; usually multi-stem shrub but can be single tree
Ornamental Other: best in shade or part shade

#### **Environmental Characteristics**

Light: Part shade, Shade Hardy To Zone: 4a Soil Ph: Requires acid (pH 5.0 to 7.0) Environmental Other: best in shade or part shade

#### Insect Disease

leaf spot, twig blight, canker

#### Bare Root Transplanting

Any

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"Cornus alternifolia gets its name from being one of the few Cornus species with an alternate leaf

position. These leaves are simple, ovate-elliptic, with acuminate ends and are somewhat clustered near the end of twigs. You will notice the distinctive parallel venation. The leaves have smooth margins and are 2 to 5 inches long. In summer, they are medium to dark green, sometimes turning reddish-purple in autumn. This tree' s common name, Pagoda Dogwood, gets its name from its irregularly whorled branching pattern that forms flat horizontal tiers called sympodial branching. Flowers appear in late spring, are yellowish-white, and are born in flat-topped upright clusters resulting in f that are bluish-black fruit about 1/3 of an inch in diameter on a pinky-red stalk. Cornus alternifolia requires a moist, acid, well-drained soil in and does best in part-shade. It is cold hardy to Zone 3 and not drought tolerant. This slower growing species makes an attractive specimen tree 15-25 feet tall. Several green and white variegated cultivars are available. A native of the Eastern United States, Cornus alternifolia may be found from New Brunswick to Georgia, and west to Minnesota.Transplants best as a young plant.

## Cultivars for Cornus alternifolia

Cultivar Name	Notes
Argentea	'Argentea' (a.k.a. Variegata) - variegated foliage
Gold Bullion	'Gold Bullion' (a.k.a.'Bachone') - gold to chartreuse foliage color
Big Chocolate Chip	'Big Chocolate Chip' (a.k.a. 'Bichozam') - faster, more uniform growth and unique chocolate coloration to both the stem and new foliage
Brunette	'Brunette' - reddish-brown stems; dark green leaves with pale green margins
Golden Shadows	'Golden Shadows' - yellow and green variegated foliage; excellent emerging spring foliage color of reddish-orange and yellow
Moonlight	'Moonlight' - white and green variegated leaves, which develop pinkish-red margins in late summer; 8' tall x 6' wide in 10 years
Pistachio	'Pistachio' - dark green foliage with burgundy new growth; yellowish white blooms
Saya	'Saya' - leaf is variegated with a yellow edge on bright green; 7' tall x 4' wide in 10 years

#### Showing **1-8** of **8** items.

## Photos



Cornus alternifolia - Leaves, Flowers



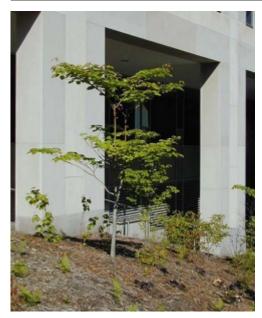
Cornus alternifolia - Leaves, Fruit



Cornus alternifolia - Leaves



Cornus alternifolia - Habit



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Cornus alternifolia var. - Habit



Cornus alternifolia var. - Leaves



Cornus alternifolia - Bark



Cornus alternifolia - Flowers