Arctic Sun® Dogwood

Cornus sanguinea 'Cato'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Other Names: Bloodtwig Dogwood

Description:

Highly ornamental stems, fruit and leaves; characterized by bright yellow stems tipped with red twigs; fall leaf color is gold tinged with red; a great shrub for winter landscapes

Ornamental Features

Arctic Sun Dogwood has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The red bark and harvest gold branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Arctic Sun Dogwood is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.



Arctic Sun Dogwood in fall
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Arctic Sun Dogwood stems
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This shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Arctic Sun Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



Arctic Sun Dogwood foliage
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Planting & Growing

Arctic Sun Dogwood will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 4 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.