Golden Dogwood

Cornus alba 'Aurea'



Golden Dogwood in bloom
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Description:

A relatively newly introduced hardy shrub, featuring amber-yellow foliage all summer long, great fall color and showy bright red stems in winter which stand out against the winter snow; excellent for bringing a splash of four-seasons color to the garden

Ornamental Features

Golden Dogwood has attractive yellow deciduous foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding gold in the fall. It has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It produces white berries in mid summer. The red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Dogwood is a 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.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.



Golden Dogwood flowers
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Golden Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

Ottawa West
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Ottawa East
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Ottawa, Ontario, Canada
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Brockville
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Brockville, Ontario, Canada
K6V 5T4
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Golden Dogwood will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast 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 is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. 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.