Arctic Fire® Red Twig Dogwood

Cornus sericea 'Farrow'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 4 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Red-Osier

Description:

A compact, dwarf form and very hardy shrub, ideal for general garden use in northern landscapes; intense red stems stand out against the winter snow, excellent for massing; some suckering

Ornamental Features

Arctic Fire Red Twig Dogwood has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The scarlet branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Arctic Fire Red Twig Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. 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;

- Suckering



Arctic Fire Red Twig Dogwood stems
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Arctic Fire Red Twig Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Arctic Fire Red Twig 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Arctic Fire Red Twig Dogwood in fall
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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 selection of a native North American species.