

Gray Dogwood



This native shrub has excellent fall and winter characteristics. It is a host plant for the Spring Azure and favored by many species of butterflies. The fruit is eaten by many animals and especially savored by birds including the Northern Cardinal, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, and Eastern Bluebird. Gray Dogwood is a highly adaptable shrub that will tolerate just about any conditions including poor soils.

**NATIVE TO EASTERN
UNITED STATES**

Cornus racemosa

- Hardiness: Zone 3-8
- Size: 10-15' x 10-15', will form colonies
- Habit: Multi-stemmed, erect, suckering shrub. Can be a small tree, but tends to sucker if left to itself. Slow growth rate on old wood. Root shoots grow quickly.
- Flower: Whitish, late May to early June for 7-10 days
- Culture: Prefers moist, well-drained soils. Will tolerate almost any conditions from wet to dry and sun to shade.
- Uses: Border, massing, naturalizing, informal hedge, poor soils, great fall and winter interest, rain garden, birds, butterflies, tolerates deer