**Gray Dogwood**  
*Corneus racemosa*

- **Plant Characteristics:** Strongly multi-stemmed, erect-growing, suckering shrub with short, spreading branches.
- **Size:** Height: 6-16 ft. Width: 6-16 ft.
- **Foliage:** Dark almost gray-green. Narrow-elliptic to ovate-lanceolate 2-4” long, one-half as wide.
- **Flower:** Whitish, late May to early June, 2” diameter, found on almost every stem and effective 7 to 10 days.
- **Fruit:** White, bluish white drupe that is 1/4 inch in diameter. August into September. Attractive reddish pink pedicels and peduncles when fruits have fallen.
- **Soil:** Adaptable to a variety of soils. Will withstand wet or dry soils. Grows best in a moist, well-drained situation.
- **Tolerances:** Slightly alkaline soil
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 3b–8
- **Light Range:** Full sun to shade.
- **pH Range:** 6.8 – 7.2
- **Other:**  
  - Native  Maine to Ontario and Minnesota
  - Over 100 birds savor the fruit
  - Fibrous root system
  - Excellent for mass planting, naturalizing,
  - Fruit eaten by Northern Cardinal, Downy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, and Eastern Bluebird. **Attracts:** Birds, Butterflies
  - Diseases and Insects none that are serious
  - Serves as an excellent snow catch

**Larval Host:** Spring Azure