

# Red Osier, Red Twig or Redosier Dogwood

*Cornus sericea*



- **Plant Characteristics:** An open spreading, multi-stemmed, medium to large shrub with horizontal branches at the base. Freely stoloniferous as it spreads by underground stems.
- **Size:** Height: 7-10 ft.  
Width: 10-15 ft.
- **Foliage:** Medium to dark green above, glaucous beneath and a purple fall color. 2-5" in length.
- **Flower:** Creamy cymes 1 1/2–2 1/2 inches in diameter borne in late May through June.
- **Fruit:** White drupe that is 1/5 inch in diameter.
- **Soil:** Adaptable to a variety of soils. Does best in moist soil and is often observed in the wild in wet, swampy situations.
- **Tolerances:** Slightly alkaline soil
- **USDA Hardiness Zone:** Zone 2
- **Light Range:** Full sun to partial shade.
- **pH Range:** 5.0–7.7
- **Other:** - Fast growing and quite vigorous
  - Shallow, fibrous root system
  - Excellent for mass planting, windbreaks
  - Found from Newfoundland to Manitoba, south to Virginia, Kentucky and Nebraska.
  - Serves as an excellent snow catch