**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