



Dogwood Tree, June Snow

Cornus controversa 'June Snow-JFS'

Height: 30 feet

Spread: 40 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Description:

Covered with clusters of small lovely white flowers in spring; a large rounded form, with gracefully layered branches make this tree an excellent specimen; attractive fruit in late summer turns deep blue-black; orange to red fall color.

Ornamental Features

Dogwood Tree, June Snow features showy clusters of white flowers held atop the branches from mid to late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding dark red in the fall. It produces navy blue berries from late summer to early fall. The fruit can be messy if allowed to drop on the lawn or walkways, and may require occasional clean-up. The warty gray bark and green branches add an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Dogwood Tree, June Snow is a deciduous tree with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered branches. 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 tree will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dogwood Tree, June Snow is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Dogwood Tree, June Snow flowers
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Dogwood Tree, June Snow in bloom
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Planting & Growing

Dogwood Tree, June Snow will grow to be about 30 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 40 feet. It has a high canopy of foliage that sits well above the ground, and should not be planted underneath power lines. As it matures, the lower branches of this tree can be strategically removed to create a high enough canopy to support unobstructed human traffic underneath. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 80 years or more.

This tree does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. This plant should be periodically fertilized throughout the active growing season with a specially-formulated acidic fertilizer. It is not particular as to soil type, but has a definite preference for acidic soils, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.

Special Attributes

Dogwood trees grow best in an established neighborhood that provides heat and wind protection from larger trees; it also requires well-drained acidic soils and adequate precipitation. The fruit is approximately 1/2 inch clusters of berries turning blue-black in the fall, generally eaten by birds. All Cornus are classified as nontoxic plants.