Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig

Cornus sericea 'SMNCSBD'



Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig in winter
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Other Names: Red-Osier Dogwood; C. stolonifera

Group/Class: Arctic Fire Series

Description:

A compact, very hardy shrub that is ideal for general garden use in northern landscapes; cheerful yellow stems add color to the winter landscape; excellent for massing; some suckering will occur

Ornamental Features

Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig has clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The yellow branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering



Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig stems
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Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Dogwood, Arctic Fire Yellow Twig will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is quite adaptable, prefering to grow in average to wet conditions, and will even tolerate some 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 or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selection of a native North American species.