



Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig

Cornus sericea 'Alleman's Compact'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: C.stolonifera, Red-Osier

Description:

Brilliant red stems are a great feature during the dormant season, also outstanding fall color and attractive berries; this compact and well-behaved shrub has year-round interest

Ornamental Features

Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage which emerges chartreuse in spring. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig is a dense multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig bark

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Planting & Growing

Dogwood, Alleman's Compact Red Twig will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 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 slow 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, preferring 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.