Dogwood, Creme de Mint

Cornus alba 'Crimzam'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4a

Description:

A colorful and extremely hardy accent shrub with green and white variegated foliage, some red color in fall and yellow-green stems in winter, quite compact habit; very versatile from a landscape perspective and quite carefree

Ornamental Features

Dogwood, Creme de Mint has attractive white-variegated light green foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. It has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It produces white berries in mid summer. The chartreuse branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Dogwood, Creme de Mint is a 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 has no significant negative characteristics.

Dogwood, Creme de Mint is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Dogwood, Creme de Mint foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Dogwood, Creme de Mint 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 fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



Dogwood, Creme de Mint in spring
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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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.