# Dogwood, Kelsey

***Cornus sericea 'Kelseyi'***



*Dogwood, Kelsey*
*Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3b

Other Names: C.stolonifera, Red-Osier

**Description:**

A compact and hardy plant for general garden use, with no single outstanding feature, but valued for its dense, closed habit of growth

**Ornamental Features**

Dogwood, Kelsey has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The purple stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Dogwood, Kelsey 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 high maintenance shrub that will require regular care 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
- Disease

Dogwood, Kelsey is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Dogwood, Kelsey foliage*
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

**Planting & Growing**

Dogwood, Kelsey will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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.



*Dogwood, Kelsey in fall*
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