



## DOGWOOD

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The dogwood genus (*Cornus*) is a diverse and adaptable group represented by dozens of deciduous trees and shrubs. The focus of this handout is dogwood trees. Most familiar to people is the lovely white-flowered Florida Dogwood seen in the East and South. The Florida Dogwood is difficult to grow here but there are wonderful and very similar substitutes that can take what our climate dishes out. There are also less familiar dogwoods that deserve a place in our landscapes. As a general rule, dogwoods prefer full sun to part shade and well-drained, acidic soil. Chicago area soils tend to be alkaline, not acidic. Regular applications of soil sulfur to lower the pH will help keep your dogwood healthy and happy.

<b>Botanic &amp; Common Names</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>HxW</b>	<b>Description</b>
<b><i>Cornus alternifolia</i></b> Pagoda Dogwood	Spreading	20'x20'	Moderate growing. Fragrant white flowers in spring are followed by black fruits in summer. Nice reddish purple fall color. Interesting horizontal branching.
<b><i>Cornus drummondii</i></b> Roughleaf Dogwood	Rounded	15'x15'	Moderate growing. Clusters of white flowers are followed by glossy white berries in summer that persist into fall. Great native tree.
<b><i>Cornus mas</i></b> Corneliancherry Dogwood	Upright oval	20'x15'	Moderate growing. Long lasting yellow flowers in March. Oblong, cherry red berries in summer. Interesting exfoliating bark adds winter interest.
<b><i>Cornus mas</i> 'Golden Glory'</b> Golden Glory Corneliancherry Dogwood	Upright	20'x10'	Moderate growing. Same benefits as above except in a more narrow form. Nice burgundy fall color. Shade tolerant.
<b><i>Cornus mas</i> 'Variegata'</b> Variegated Corneliancherry Dogwood	Upright	15'x10'	Moderate growing. Yellow flowers in spring. Eye-catching cream and green variegated foliage is set off by oblong, cherry red fruit in summer.
<b><i>Cornus officinalis</i></b> Japanese Cornel Dogwood	Rounded	20'x15'	Moderate growing. Yellow flowers in early spring are followed by red fruit in summer. Burgundy fall color. Blooms earlier and has showier bark than <i>Cornus mas</i>
<b><i>Cornus kousa chinensis</i></b> Chinese Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	15'x10'	Slow growing. Creamy white flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Reddish purple fall color.
<b><i>Cornus kousa</i> 'Heart Throb'</b> Heart Throb Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	15'x15'	Slow growing. Large dark pink flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Reddish purple fall color.
<b><i>Cornus kousa</i> 'Milky Way'</b> Milky Way Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	20'x20'	Slow growing. Showy white flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Distinctively tiered, horizontal branching.
<b><i>Cornus kousa</i> 'Satomi'</b> Satomi Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	15'x10'	Slow growing. Large, rose red flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Long lasting reddish purple fall color.
<b><i>Cornus kousa</i> 'Square Dance'</b> Square Dance Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	25'x15'	Slow growing. Long lasting white flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Narrower habit than other Kousa Dogwoods.

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<b><i>Cornus kousa</i> 'Wolf Eye's'</b> Wolf Eye's Kousa Dogwood	Rounded	12'x8'	Slow growing. Showy white flowers in late spring are followed by red raspberry-like fruit in summer. Stunning white-edged foliage turns pink to red in fall. Provide partial shade to avoid leaf scorching.
<b><i>Cornus x rutgers</i> 'Aurora'</b> Aurora Dogwood	Rounded	20'x20'	Slow growing. Showy soft white flowers in late spring. Green foliage turns bright red in fall. Nice wide spreading habit.
<b><i>Cornus x rutgers</i> 'Stellar Pink'</b> Stellar Pink Dogwood	Rounded	20'x20'	Slow growing. Beautiful soft pink flowers in late spring. Medium green summer foliage turns bright red in fall. Wide spreading habit.
<b><i>Cornus x rutgers</i> 'Venus'</b> Venus Dogwood	Rounded	15'x10'	Slow growing. Very large snow white flowers in late spring. Long lasting red to purple fall color. Great accent in the garden.