

Cornus florida



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Flowering Dogwood

Cornaceae

Plant Specifics

Size: 25-30 ft tall by 15-25 ft wide

Life Span: Long-lived perennial

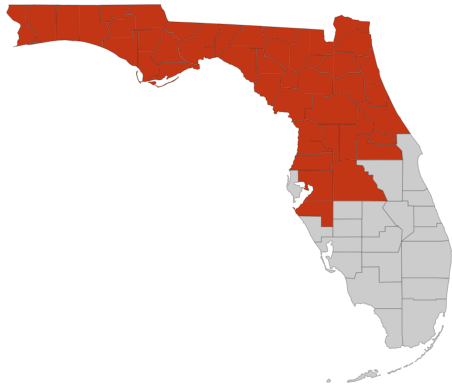
Flower Color: White

Fruit Color: Red

Phenology: Deciduous. Blooms in spring. Fruits ripen in fall. span potentially up to 125 yrs but usually much shorter in cultivation (Nelson 2003).

Habitats: Mesic hardwood forests, pine-oak-hickory wood mesic longleaf pinelands.

Natural Range in Florida



USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

8A 8B 9A 9B

Landscaping

Recommended Uses: Specimen tree. It is known for its showy white "flowers" in the spring. What appears to be the flower petals are actually large bracts. The true flowers occur in a group in the center of the bracts. They are small and yellow-green.

Light: ☁ Part Shade

Moisture Tolerance: Somewhat moist, no flooding ----- to ----- Shc very dry periods

Salt Water Flooding Tolerance: Not salt tolerant of inundation by salty or brackish water.

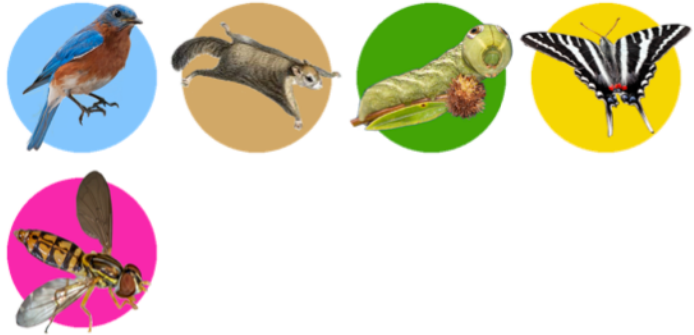
Salt Spray Tolerance: Low/no tolerance of salty wind or direct salt spray



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Soil/Substrate: Loam, Sand

Wildlife



Birds and small mammals consume the fruit

Attracts long-tongued bees, short-tongued bees, wasps, and butterflies.

Larval host for cecropia silkworm (*Hyalophora cecropia*) a spring azure butterfly (*Celastrina ladon*).