

# *Cornus foemina*



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## Swamp Dogwood, Stiff Cornel

### *Cornaceae*

#### Plant Specifics

**Size:** 10-30 ft tall by 10-20 ft wide

**Life Span:** Long-lived perennial

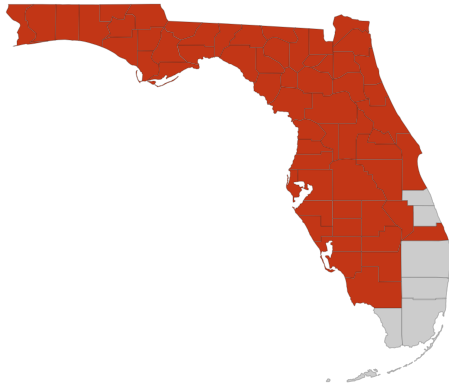
**Flower Color:** White

**Fruit Color:** Blue

**Phenology:** Deciduous. Blooms in spring. Fruits summer-ear fall. Likely lives 50 yrs. or less.

**Habitats:** Riverine swamps, bluffs, bluffs, gum swamps. Typically in areas of relatively brief, shallow inundation.

#### Natural Range in Florida



#### USDA Zones

Suitable to grow in:

10A 8A 8B 9A 9B

#### Landscaping

**Recommended Uses:** Use along streams or edges of retention areas. Can be a screen or specimen tree in moist areas. Blooms better in moderate to high light settings.

**Light:** ☀ Full Sun, ☁ Part Shade, ☷ Shade

**Moisture Tolerance:** Stays Wet ----- to ----- Not wet but not extremely dry

**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, Organic material (muck), 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*).