Tatarian Dogwood

Cornus alba



Tatarian Dogwood in winter
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 7 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2a

Description:

A very hardy shrub dogwood, prized for its brilliant red stems which contrast wonderfully against the winter snow; can grow quite large, numerous garden selections are available with various attributes



Tatarian Dogwood stems
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Ornamental Features

Tatarian Dogwood 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 mid summer. The red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Tatarian Dogwood 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.

Tatarian Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

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Planting & Growing

Tatarian Dogwood will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. 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 species is not originally from North America.

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