



2024 Native Woody of the Year



Cornus florida Flowering dogwood

A small deciduous tree that provides year-round interest. Broad white flowers (bracts) in spring followed by bright-red fruit relished by birds. Stunning fall foliage and beautiful branch structure in winter.

- Hardiness:** Zones 5–9
Light: Sun to part shade
Soil: Average
Size: 15–30' tall
Foliage: Green, turns red-purple in fall
Flowers: Showy white bracts
Fruit: Red berries
Bloom Time: April to May
Wildlife Value: Bees and butterflies feed from the flowers; birds feed on the berries.



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