

Flowering Dogwood 'Cloud Nine' (*Cornus florida*)

15' x 20' tree, Cloud Nine more compact than species.
Spreading, densely layered horizontal branching, short trunk.

CT woodland native.

Cloud Nine has showy overlapping pure-white bracts on 3-4" flowers, April-May, profusely borne even when trees are young.

Long-oval pointed leaves.

Glossy bright-red fall berries, in knobby clusters, persist into winter.

Good rust-red to red-purple fall color.

Excellent winter habit, with textured "alligator-hide" bark, tiered branching, and soft gray-purple young stems.

Moist well-drained soil, partial sun to partial shade, tolerates full sun.
Cloud Nine is very cold hardy.

Use as specimen, in borders, at the edge of woods. Desirable in all four seasons.

Attracts many kinds of small bees.
Good nesting sites for birds, fruit attracts dozens of species, including Cedar Waxwings, Thrushes, Northern Flickers.
Larval host and nectar provider to Spring Azure butterfly.
Supports 117 species of butterflies/moths.

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