Redosier Dogwood ‘Cardinal’

Cornus sericea

7-9’, spreading to 10+. Loose, spreading, rounded. Spreads by underground stems.

CT native, found in swamps, thickets, by streams."

Bright cherry-red stems glow in winter. Highly ornamental in winter, especially with snow.

New spring growth is vivid yellow, at tips, making dramatic bi-color effect.

White flowers; fruit matures to white.

Good red-purple fall color"

Sun to part sun, tolerant of wet areas. Fast-growing and very adaptable. Remove 25% of stems in spring for best stem color.

Useful for massing, borders, wet areas, bank-cover, winter interest.

Good for erosion control. Stream buffers.

Attracts long & short-tongued bees. Host to over 100 species of butterflies and moths. Larval host to Spring Azure. Berries are important food source for wood ducks, songbirds, and upland game birds.

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