

Flowering Dogwood 'Cherokee Princess' (*Cornus florida*)

20', rounded, broadly spreading with dense horizontal layering. Short trunk and a low canopy. Grows about 24"/year. Always ranked among the best in dogwood cultivar evaluations.

CT woodland native.

Early bloomer, with a profusion of remarkably large 5" fragrant flowers, with each white bract over 2" long. Blooms at a young age, and reliably every year after.

Oval light green, red or purple or bronze leaves.

Good rust-red to red-purple fall color.

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

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.
Very cold hardy.
Resistant to verticillium wilt, powdery mildew, spot anthracnose and stem canker.

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.

All photos are of 'Cherokee Princess'

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