Firedance™ Dogwood

Cornus sericea 'Bailadeline'

Height: 4 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: C.stolonifera, Red-Osier

Description:

A compact and very hardy shrub, ideal for general garden use in northern landscapes; showy red stems stand out against the winter snow, excellent for massing; great for water's edge, border, or bed

Ornamental Features

Firedance Dogwood has clusters of 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 late summer. The red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Firedance 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and should only be pruned after flowering to avoid removing any of the current season's flowers. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering



Firedance Dogwood
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Firedance Dogwood flowers
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Firedance Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens



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Planting & Growing

Firedance Dogwood will grow to be about 4 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. It grows at a medium 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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 is a selection of a native North American species.