Mahoning Dogwood

Cornus racemosa 'Mahzam'

Height: 12 feet

Spread: 12 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Gray Dogwood

Description:

A wonderful new introduction, this is a compact multi-stemmed feature tree for smaller home landscapes; covered in white flowers in spring followed by white berries, natural umbrella-like form with age is very attractive



Mahoning Dogwood foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Mahoning Dogwood is clothed in stunning clusters of creamy white flowers with creamy white bracts at the ends of the branches in late spring. It features an abundance of magnificent white berries in late summer. It has grayish green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding plum purple in the fall.



Mahoning Dogwood in bloom
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

Landscape Attributes

Mahoning Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a shapely form and gracefully arching branches. 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 can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Mahoning Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Mahoning Dogwood will grow to be about 12 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 12 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 1 foot from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a slow rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is very adaptable to both dry and moist locations, and should do just fine under average home landscape conditions. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.