Cream Cracker Dogwood

Cornus alba 'Cream Cracker'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Tatarian Dogwood

Description:

A colorful and extremely hardy accent shrub with bright green and white summer foliage that progresses to yellow hues in fall, and striking purplish-red stems in winter; very versatile from a landscape perspective and quite carefree

Ornamental Features

Cream Cracker Dogwood has attractive grayish green foliage edged in white which emerges yellow in spring on a plant with a round habit of growth. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental and turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. It has clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It produces white berries in mid summer. The dark red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Cream Cracker 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 is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Cream Cracker Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Cream Cracker Dogwood foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Cream Cracker Dogwood will grow to be about 5 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, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.



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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 selected variety of a species not originally from North America.