Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida 'Flamoz'



Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood in fall
Photo courtesy of Lake County Nursery

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ◐

Hardiness Zone: 5

Description:

An ornamental tree which is covered in lovely rose flowers with white centers in spring; dark green foliage with pale yellow-cream variegation turns to blazing pink over burgundy in fall; requires rich, well-drained acidic soil and adequate moisture

Ornamental Features

Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood features showy clusters of rose flowers with white centers held atop the branches in mid spring. It has buttery yellow-variegated forest green foliage with hints of creamy white which emerges red in spring. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding hot pink in the fall. It produces red berries from early to late fall. The warty gray bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a stunning habit of growth which features almost oriental horizontally-tiered 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 is a relatively low maintenance tree, 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;

- Insects
- Disease

Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Accent
- Shade

Planting & Growing

Flaming Moon Flowering Dogwood will grow to be about 20 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 15 feet. It has a low canopy with a typical clearance of 3 feet 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 approximately 30 years.

This tree does best in a location that gets morning sunlight but is shaded from the hot afternoon sun, although it will also grow in partial shade. Keep it away from hot, dry locations that receive direct afternoon sun or which get reflected sunlight, such as against the south side of a white wall. It requires an evenly moist well-drained soil for optimal growth, but will die in standing water. It may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. It is very fussy about its soil conditions and must have rich, acidic soils to ensure success, and is subject to chlorosis (yellowing) of the foliage in alkaline soils. It is quite intolerant of urban pollution, therefore inner city or urban streetside plantings are best avoided, and will benefit from being planted in a relatively sheltered location. 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.