Westonbirt Dogwood

Cornus alba 'Westonbirt'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 7 feet

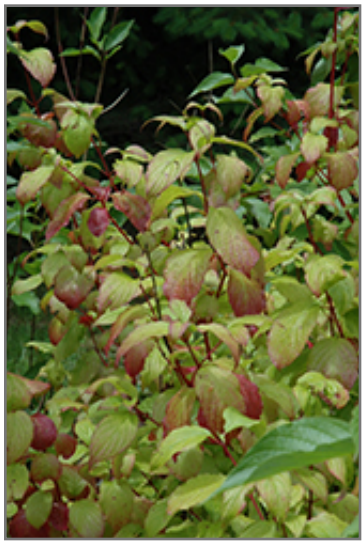
Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: syn. Cornus alba sibirica, Siberian Dogwood

Description:

A popular form of shrub dogwood, featuring showy blue fruit, good fall color, and very showy coral-red stems in winter which stand out against the winter snow; can grow quite large for general garden use



Westonbirt Dogwood foliage
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Ornamental Features

Westonbirt Dogwood has rich green deciduous foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding burgundy in the fall. The coral-pink branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Westonbirt 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.

Westonbirt Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use



Westonbirt Dogwood stems
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Planting & Growing

Westonbirt Dogwood will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 7 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.

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.