Arctic Fire® Yellow Dogwood

Cornus sericea 'SMNCSBD'



Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood in winter
Photo courtesy of NetPS Plant Finder

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 6 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2

Other Names: Red-Osier Dogwood; C. stolonifera

Group/Class: Arctic Fire Series

Description:

A compact, very hardy shrub that is ideal for general garden use in northern landscapes; cheerful yellow stems add color to the winter landscape; excellent for massing; some suckering will occur

Ornamental Features

Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood has clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has dark green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding yellow in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The yellow branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.



Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood stems
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Landscape Attributes

Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with an upright spreading habit of growth. 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. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Arctic Fire Yellow Dogwood will grow to be about 5 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 6 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 selection of a native North American species.