Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood

Cornus mas 'Aurea'

Height: 20 feet

Spread: 15 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4

Description:

A choice small specimen tree for landscape use; features golden-yellow foliage, bright yellow flowers in very early spring before the leaves and red berries in summer, neat habit of growth, but some suckering

Ornamental Features

Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood has clusters of yellow flowers along the branches from late winter to early spring before the leaves. It has attractive yellow deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall color. It produces red berries from early to mid summer. The peeling brown bark adds an interesting dimension to the landscape.

Landscape Attributes

Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous tree with a shapely oval 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 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. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood in bloom
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Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood foliage
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Planting & Growing

Golden Cornelian Cherry 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 2 feet from the ground, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a medium rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for 40 years or more.

This tree 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 somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in winter to protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.



Golden Cornelian Cherry Dogwood fruit
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