

Cardinal Dogwood

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Cardinal dogwood is a new hybrid selection of Red-osier dogwood (*Cornus sericea*) bred for its bright red winter twig color. In late fall the twigs and stems develop a bright cherry red color which lasts until spring when the plant leaves out.

Cardinal is well adapted for Minnesota as it was developed by crossing plants native to the vicinity of the University of Minnesota Landscape Arboretum. Cardinal will mature at an average height and spread of 8 to 10 feet.

Cardinal is tolerant of poorly drained soils permitting its use in wet sites where other woody plants would fail. Dogwoods can be grown in full sun or partial shade.

Cardinal dogwood is recommended for corner plantings, mass plantings, or background screens where its bright red stem color will provide interest in the winter landscape.



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