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GRAY DOGWOOD

Cornus racemosa, also *Swida racemosa*

Thicket forming shrub with beautiful white flowers and white berries that grow on red stems. Deer tolerant and very attractive to wildlife!

Growing Information

Sunlight	Full sun to part shade
Soil Type	Adaptable, well-drained moist or dry
Height	10–15'
Flowering calendar	May to June

Benefits for Wildlife

Leaves	Yes
Flowers	Yes
Fruit	Yes
Seeds	Yes

Host to 120 caterpillar species, including: (common names) Red-Humped Caterpillar; Imperial Moth; Definite Tussock Moth; Funerary Dagger Moth; Polyphemus Moth; Io Moth; Cecropia Silkmoth; Whitemarked Tussock Moth

Benefits for People

- Beautiful small ornamental tree; quite adaptable to various soil conditions
- Striking white, red twigs provide nice fall and winter interest

Natural Habitat

- Low areas, riparian woodlands, rocky bluffs

