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Cornus alternifolia, also *Swida alternifolia*

This small flowering tree is as ornamental as it is beneficial. Its small size and flat-topped growing habit make an interesting shady spot for a small yard or space, and large white flowers followed by blue/black berries support countless wildlife species.

Growing Information

Sunlight Part shade to shade
 Soil Type Moist, tolerates clay
 Height 15–25'
 Flowering calendar 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; lo Moth; Cecropia Silkmoth; Whitemarked Tussock Moth

Benefits for People

- Very adaptable, interesting growing habit and shape, large flowers and berry clusters, fall and winter interest

Natural Habitat

- Moist woodlands, forest edges

