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SILKY DOGWOOD

Cornus amomum, also *Swida amomum*

Large, interesting shrub with attractive foliage, flowers, fruit, and stems. Will form wide thicket if low stems allowed to contact ground and root.

Growing Information

Sunlight	Part sun to shade
Soil Type	Moist to average, acidic
Height	6–8'
Flowering calendar	July

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 large shrub with year-round attractive features; red stems provide winter interest, followed by pretty leaves, flowers, and fruit typical of dogwoods

Natural Habitat

- Low woods, often near stream or clearing edges

