



ALTERNATE-LEAVED DOGWOOD

Swida alternifolia

This small flowering tree is as ornamental as it is beneficial. It has a small size and flat-topped growing habit, and large white flowers followed by blue/black berries support countless wildlife species.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Butterflies enjoy the nectar provided by the flower
- Birds and small mammals eat the fruits
- When close to water, beavers will browse the branches

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

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Part shade to shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist, tolerates clay
<i>Height</i>	15-25'
<i>Width</i>	20-30'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	June

Natural Habitat

- Moist woodlands, forest edges

