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GRAY DOGWOOD

Swida racemosa

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

Benefits for Wildlife

- *Andrena fragilis*, a short-tongued bee, specializes on dogwood flowers
- Birds and mammals enjoy the high-fat berries, especially during migration
- Rabbits and deer browse the leaves and 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

- Beautiful small ornamental tree
- Quite adaptable to various soil conditions
- Striking red twigs provide nice fall and winter interest

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full to part sun
<i>Soil Type</i>	Well-drained
<i>Height</i>	10-15'
<i>Width</i>	10-15'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May to June

Natural Habitat

- Low areas, riparian woodlands, rocky bluffs

