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RED-TWIG DOGWOOD

Swida sericea

Also known as Red-osier Dogwood. Beautiful flowering shrub with red stems when young. Very attractive to wildlife (including deer). Colorful autumn foliage.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Bees and butterflies visit the flowers
- Birds, small mammals, and bears eat the fruits
- Dense branches provide cover and nesting habitat

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

- Can easily be propagated by cuttings
- Good for hedgerows or slope stabilization
- Beautiful fall foliage

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full to part sun
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist, well-drained
<i>Height</i>	6-9'
<i>Width</i>	6-9'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	May to June

Natural Habitat

- Riparian area, wooded or open

