



SILKY DOGWOOD

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.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Flowers attract butterflies
- Birds, chipmunks, squirrels, skunks, foxes, deer, and bears eat the fruits
- Dense thickets provide good cover and nesting sites

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

- Edible berries
- Striking fall foliage
- Excellent for windbreaks and erosion control

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Part sun to shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist to average, acidic
<i>Height</i>	6-8'
<i>Width</i>	6-12'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	July

Natural Habitat

- Low woods, often near stream or clearing edges



MAINE
AUDUBON

Native Plant
FINDER