Stellar Pink Dogwood



in beds with more diverse under planting. Makes a stellar focal point in backyard landscape and will draw the eye from a distance. Equally good for shade and interest up close beside porch, patio or terrace. Plant trees perfectly aligned with picture windows or sliding glass door to enjoy its seasonal changes from indoors. One of the best for adding midlevel interest beneath canopies of giant old shade trees. Set into a woodland composition to ease the transition to wildland and to provide more diversity to the

understory.



Cornus x 'Rutgan'

- <u>Use:</u> This blushing darling will warm up any landscape with its rosy pink blooms in late spring and burnished red leaves in fall. Find a place for it in the middle of your yard or along a driveway or path, and it will reward you with years of blossoms!
- Exposure/Soil: Part sun-shade. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor flowering. Should be grown in well-drained soils in full sun to part shade. It prefers moist, organically rich, acidic soils and will benefit from a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch, which helps keep the roots cool and moist in summer.
- **Growth:** Fast growing; reaches 20 to 25 ft. tall, 15 to 20 ft. wide.
- Hardiness: Zone 5-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The foliage is thickly branched and covered in glossy green foliage that turns red in the fall.
- <u>Flower</u>: Profuse, large, overlapping, blush pink, flower-like bracts cover this small but vigorous tree in early spring. The fully branched habit provides layers of lush green foliage from bottom to top. A magnificent landscape specimen for small gardens or woodland settings. A sterile cultivar that produces no fruit.