

# Red Twig/Tatarian Dogwood



Bare red stems are a beautiful sight against the winter landscape. Cut back old stems in early spring for the best color on new growth.



## *Cornus alba* 'Sibirica'

- **Use:** Current year's growth features outstanding coral-red branches on a multi-stemmed shrub. Yellowish white flowers are followed by small blue berries. Bare stems create an attractive winter accent, and are a wonderful addition to seasonal flower arrangements.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor flowering. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate grower to 9 ft. tall, 5 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 2-8; Shrub
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Green foliage fills out your plant in spring and summer. The red bark makes the winter a lot less dreary. The best red color appears on one and two year old stems; older stems will turn corky and brown. To maintain a colorful display, you can do one of two things: one, cut the whole plant back to short stubs every other year. Two, cut out one-third of the oldest stems every year.
- **Flower:** Milky white flowers appear in spring and soothing, and will sputter more flowers in summer. As an added bonus, in late summer drupes appear which are low in sugar and attractive to birds.