

Crimson Red Dogwood



It arguably may be the most beautiful of the native American flowering trees. A simply breathtaking small specimen tree when in bloom, featuring large yet dainty pinkish-red blooms in spring and excellent wide-spreading form; extremely fussy, requires rich, well-drained acidic soil and adequate precipitation, best with some shelter



Cornus florida 'Crimson Red'

- **Use:** 'Crimson Red' cultivar is the first red-flowering dogwood variety on the market that is true to seed; while other red-flowering varieties like 'Cherokee Brave' or 'Cherokee Chief' can occasionally revert or produce branches with less intense red coloration, the 'Crimson Red' cultivar is red to the very core, with red-tinted new growth and striking, dark crimson flowers in the early spring months. In addition, 'Crimson Red' has proven more vigorous than 'Cherokee Brave' and 'Cherokee Chief' in its growth habit, growing to a consistent mature height much faster than other common varieties. Native to U.S., Native to Maryland, and Native to Eastern Shore
- **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:** Can be multi- or single-stemmed but typically grows to 15-30' tall with wide, horizontal branching out to a spread of about 25-35'.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous ; Attractive green foliage with red tinges in spring. Autumn foliage turns to beautiful, bright shades of crimson and maroon.
- **Flower:** Crimson red flowers are established in the early spring and eventually pollinated blooms turn to bright red fruits in summer which attract a number of bird species. In the fall months, persistent berries add further aesthetic.