

Pink 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 'Rubra'

- **Use:** Noted for its 4 seasons of interest, it is a small deciduous tree adorned with a broadly conical canopy. In spring, profuse star-like blooms, 3-4 in. ... They consist of four narrowly pointed pink to reddish pink bracts which surround the center cluster of tiny green flowers.
- **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:** Grow to a height of 15-30' and a spread of 15-30' with a low-branching, broadly-pyramidal but somewhat flat-topped habit.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous ; green foliage turns a lovely burgundy in fall.
- **Flower:** The showy part of a dogwood flower is actually bracts, which are modified leaves that turn color. The true flower parts in the center of the bracts are less showy. The fruit is a favorite food of many songbirds, so be sure to plant your Pink Dogwood tree near a window and you'll be able to pull up a chair and watch the bluebirds, cardinals, robins, and mockingbirds dig in. Chipmunks and squirrels also gather the fruits, and dainty little spring azure butterflies use Dogwoods as a food source, too.