## Little Poncho Dogwood





The best of the Dogwood types. A strong specimen that tolerates heat and blooms later than Cornus florida!



## Cornus kousa 'Little Poncho'

- <u>Use</u>: A collector's item!! A half-pint Kousa Dogwood that might reach 10 feet tall and wide when all grown up, Little Poncho is a perfect selection for small spaces where its larger cousins just won't fit. What it might lack in size, it makes up for with a big flower and foliage impact. A special selection ideal for use around the patio, in home foundation plantings, or other small to medium size spaces. Mildly resistant to deer damage
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade. Best when planted near other trees that slightly shade them, 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. This tree does better in open areas like lawns than the native trees do but is prefers some light shade especially in the afternoon. It prefers well-drained acidic soil and while it tolerates some dry soil it will not survive in water-logged environments.
- Growth: Growing 8 to 10 feet tall and equally as wide at maturity.
- Hardiness: Zone 5a-8; Tree
  - **Foliage:** Deciduous. Green foliage. With the arrival of cooler temperatures in fall its lush, very large and elongated pointed rich green leaves with wavy edges turn awesome shades of red and purple, holding their color longer than other dogwood species. Anthracnose resistant.
- <u>Flower:</u> In late spring, large, star-shaped frosty white flowers with pointed petals come in abundance. Following the bloom, Little Poncho shows off edible, strawberry-like red fruits in late summer that taste like papaya.