

# Kelsey's Dwarf Red-Osier Dogwood



## *Cornus serica 'Kelseyi'*

- **Use:** Even though its main attraction is its winter appeal, this lively Dogwood has a lot to offer year-round. This very hardy dwarf form of Red Twig Dogwood features white flowers in late spring. Its stems remain red throughout the year and provide winter color. It is perfect for a shady spot, near a tree line or on the north side of a house. It will also do equally well in full sun as a low hedge or in a group.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Sun– part shade. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor flowering. Moist, well-drained soil, is preferred. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry. *Will tolerate very wet areas as well.*
- **Growth:** Has a neat rounded shape and matures at 2 to 3 feet tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 2-8;
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Oval to lance shaped green leaves turn red to orange in fall. The red bark on the Red Twiggged Dogwood makes the winter a lot less dreary.
- **Flower:** Milky white flowers appear in spring and soothing green foliage fills out your plant in spring and summer. As an added bonus, in late summer drupes appear which are low in sugar and attractive to birds. In fact, this shrub is the favored nesting place of American goldfinches.



**Like licks of fire rising up against the white, winter snows, your Red Twiggged Dogwood will be an eye-catching stand-out amid your dreary winter landscape.**  
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