

Yellow Twig Dogwood



Yellow twig dogwood is grown for its ornamental value, especially in fall and winter gardens. Its spreading root system makes the shrub a good choice for erosion control on slopes and banks. It may be planted as a specimen to add color to the garden. In naturalized areas, the shrub makes a beautiful display when planted in mass.

Cornus sericea 'Flaviramea'

- **Use:** Excellent massed or as a specimen. Effective in shrub borders where plants can be combined with evergreens or a contrasting color of redbud dogwoods for interesting winter contrast. Also effective in naturalistic plantings in moist soils where plants can be allowed to spread and form thickets. Plants perform very well in wet locations such as low spots or along streams or ponds where spreading roots can help combat soil erosion. May also be used as a property line screen.
- **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 5-6 ft. tall, 5-6 ft. wide. Stoloniferous habit (will spread by underground stems)
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-8;
- **Foliage:** Evergreen; Dark green foliage is ovate and turns reddish-orange in the fall. The outstanding ornamental feature of this plant is its bright yellow winter stems.
- **Flower:** Clusters of creamy-white flowers appear in late spring. After the flowers are spent, bluish-tinged white berries appear. The flowers attract butterflies for pollination and nectar, and birds and small mammals are attracted to the fruits.

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