

Artic Fire Red Osier Dogwood



-One of the most shade-tolerant ornamental shrubs
- Tolerant of a wide range of soil conditions
- Bright red stems and white berries in winter add color to the landscape

Cornus stolonifera 'Artic Fire' ("Farrow" USPP 18,523)

- **Use:** Beautiful red stems and a compact habit and is at its in the winter sunlight. Its smaller size makes this variety a great breakthrough for smaller gardens or residential landscapes. Tolerates a wide range of soil and light conditions. Plant a few extra to use in winter arrangements and holiday décor! Native to North America.
- **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 in summer if drought, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** This dwarf variety reaches just 3-5' feet rather than the 8-10' of conventional red-twig dogwood.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 3-7b;
- **Foliage:** Deciduous; Ovate to lanceolate, medium to dark green leaves (2-5" long) acquire interesting shades of red to orange eventually fading to purple in autumn. Reddish stems turn bright red in winter and are particularly showy against a snowy backdrop. The best red color appears on one and two year old stems; older stems will turn corky and brown. To maintain a colorful display, you can do one of two things: one, cut the whole plant back to short stubs every other year. Two, cut out one-third of the oldest stems every year. This option is recommended if you planted your Arctic Fire® dogwood to provide coverage. Early spring is the best time to prune.
- **Flower:** Tiny, fragrant, white flowers appear in flat-topped clusters (cymes to 2.5" diameter) in late spring, with sparse, intermittent, additional flowering sometimes continuing into summer. Flowers give way to clusters of whitish (sometimes with a bluish tinge) drupes in summer. Fruit is quite attractive to birds and is generally considered to have as much if not more ornamental interest than the flowers.