

Hyperion® Dogwood



Cornus x 'KF111-1' Plant Patent 22219

- **Use:** A dynamic new ornamental tree that will delight you with a year-long procession of colorful flowers, fruit, and foliage. In late spring, the white blossoms will smother the branches in a floral avalanche. In late summer, the funny nubby red fruits will steal the show. And when the days turn crisp and cool, this dazzling tree will grace your garden with orange, yellow, and purple fall foliage. Plant it near your porch, patio, or wherever you entertain, and it will be a topic of conversation at your next get-together, no matter what time of year! This vigorous, fast growing tree has outstanding disease resistance and is tolerant of mild drought when established.
- **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. 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:** Fast growing; reaches 20 ft. tall and wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The shiny dark green leaves turn reddish-purple to scarlet in fall. Excellent disease resistance.
- **Flower:** Large white flowers with pointed petals produce bright strawberry-like fruits in early spring. Fruits and nesting sites attractive to songbirds. Squirrels eat fruits as well.



Developed at Rutgers University with two goals in mind: Hardiness and bloom quality. As a result it is better suited for difficult planting conditions than most dogwoods. If you struggle to grow dogwoods, or have a site that is non-ideal (full sun or compacted soil) we would recommend you give a hybrid like Hyperion a try. According to Rutgers, trees have increased tolerance of drought, have almost no problems with powdery mildew and other fungal diseases, and display extreme vigor and rapid growth. In addition, the blooms are larger than typical and cover nearly the entire tree once it becomes established.

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