

red-osier dogwood *Cornaceae Cornus sericea* L.

Leaf: Opposite, simple, arcuately veined, 2 to 4 inches long, somewhat narrow, entire margin, green above, pale below.

Flower: Monoecious; small, dull white in flat top clusters about 2 inches across appearing in late early summer.

Fruit: Dull white, 1/4 to 1/3 inch in diameter in rounded clusters. Maturing in late summer to fall.

Twig: Bright red, sometimes green spotted with red, white pith, buds narrow and tapering, flower buds more swollen.

Bark: Red to green with numerous lenticels; later developing larger cracks and splits and turning light brown.

Form: Small to medium sized shrub with numerous stems forming thickets up to 15 feet tall but generally shorter.



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