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North Dakota Tree Selector

General

Scientific Name: *Cornus alternifolia*

Family: Cornaceae (Dogwood)

Hardiness: Zone 3

Leaves: Deciduous

Plant Type: Shrub

Growth

Rate: Slow

Mature Height: >7'

Longevity: Short

Power Line: Yes

Ornamental

Flowers: White

Fruit: Purple

Fall Color: Yellow to purple to burgundy

Pagoda Dogwood

Description

A small, short-lived tree that is native to many of the forests of Minnesota and further east. Called “pagoda” dogwood because its branching structure gives an overall tree form that is reminiscent of a pagoda. Interesting landscaping characteristics include showy white flowers, and dark purple fruits on red fruit stalks. Can tolerate partial shade. Fall color variable, ranging from yellow with some reddish-purple, to a true burgundy color. Can be a single-stemmed tree, but often has multiple trunks coming up together.

Preferences

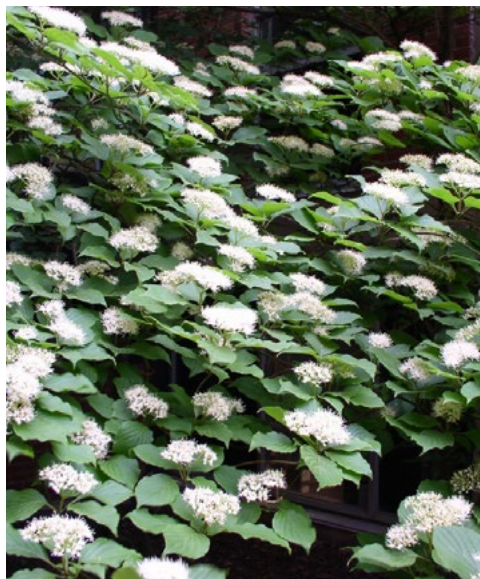
Light: Full sun to part shade.

Water: Medium.

Soil: Best in acidic, well drained.

Comments

For best performance of pagoda dogwood maintain consistent soil moisture. Common name is in reference to the tiered horizontal branching. Also known as alternate leaf dogwood.



Credits: Tree Selector Website, <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/PlantFinderDetails.aspx?kempercode=b992>