**Cornus amomum**  
Silky Dogwood

**Characteristics:** Broad-leaved, deciduous shrub

**Appearance:**
- **Height** - 6 to 12 ft.
- **Aerial Spread** - 6 to 12 ft.
- **Flower Color** - Yellowish white
- **Flowering Period** - May through July
- **Fruit Color** - Blue
- **Fruiting Period** - Early through late August

**Habitat (Community):** Forested seasonal wetlands, shrub wetlands, and stream and pond banks

**Hydrology:**
- **Indicator status** - Facultative wetland
- **Salinity** - Freshwater
- **Non-Tidal Regime** - Irregularly to seasonally inundated or saturated

**Wildlife Benefits:** (Fruit, Twigs, and Leaves) food for wild turkey, ruffed grouse, bobwhite, ring-necked pheasant, common flicker, red-headed, downy, and pileated woodpeckers, eastern kingbird, brown thrasher, American robin, wood thrush, eastern bluebird, cedar waxwing, and purple finch; (Cover and Food) for wood duck, American woodcock, and song sparrow; (Preferred Nesting, Cover, and Food) for gray cat bird; (Nesting and Cover) for American goldfinch.

**Distribution:** Quebec to Ontario and southern Illinois, south to South Carolina and Alabama