

Cornus amomum Silky Dogwood



Leaves^a



Plant and Flower^{bc}



Fall Fruit

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; (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

^a http://plants.usda.gov/java/largeImage?imageID=coam2_003_avp.tif

^b <http://www.missouribotanicalgarden.org/PlantFinder/FullImageDisplay.aspx?documentid=18832>

^c https://www.wildflower.org/gallery/result.php?id_image=58645