



Creek dogwood in a native setting



Creek dogwood berries

Creek Dogwood (Red-Osier Dogwood)

Cornus sericea

Cornus stolonifera



Creek dogwood flowers

A mid-height, deciduous, multitrunked shrub or small tree, 6-16'. Flowers are flat-topped clusters of creamy white, followed by white or bluish berries.

Creek dogwood is great for winter interest due to the reddish bark. The size can be controlled by cutting the tallest trunks to the base every 2-4 years. It is a vigorous colonizer. Look for native forms of this widespread species.

Drought tolerant/Grows in sun or part shade/Food source for native butterfly caterpillars/
Nectar source for butterflies/Food source, shelter or nesting sites for birds/Nectar source for
hummingbirds/Food source for native wildlife or rodents

Links:

Winter habit: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/cose1.htm>

Golden cultivar: <http://oregonstate.edu/dept/ldplants/cosef1.htm>