

Cornus alternifolia

Pagoda dogwood

Height: 15.00 to 25.00 feet

Spread: 1.5 times as wide

Sun: Full sun to part shade. Prefers part shade but will grow in full sun.

Soil Moisture: Mesic

Soil Types: Loam, tolerates clay and poor soils. Acidic and organically rich.

Bloom Time: May to June

Bloom Description: Wide, flat-topped clusters of extremely fragrant yellowish-white flowers bloom for a week to 10 days.

Leaf: Fall foliage is a dull maroon. The leaves of pagoda dogwood form an umbrella-like shade because they are clustered near the ends of twigs.

Fruit: Showy bluish-black fruits (drupes) on red stalks. Fruits mature in late summer.

Uses: Plant as a specimen or in small groups around home, near patios or in lawns. Effective in shrub borders, woodland gardens, bird gardens or naturalized areas.

Wildlife: Ground, water and song birds and mammals.

Nectar: long-tongued bees, short-tongued bees, wasps, flies and butterflies

Larval Host: Spring Azure

Pollinators: See nectar

Deer Resistant:

Comments: Provide consistent moisture and mulch root zone. This spreading small tree has an interesting form, with distinctive tiered/layered horizontal branches. Branches are nearly parallel to the ground, giving the plant an attractive textural effect. Best planted on the north or east sides of buildings so that it is in direct sunlight for only part of the day.

