

**gray dogwood** [Cornaceae](#) *Cornus racemosa* Lam.  symbol:  
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**vTree**

**Leaf:** Opposite, simple, ovate to elliptical, entire with arcuate veins, 2 1/2 to 5 inches long, dark green above, lighter below.  
**Flower:** Species is monoecious; small, dull white in upright racemes, about 2 inches across appearing in late early summer.  
**Fruit:** Dull white, 1/4 to 1/3 inch in diameter in rounded clusters, maturing in late summer to fall, fruit stalks remaining red well into winter.  
**Twig:** Slender, gray to reddish brown, buds are dark brown and valvate, bud scales sharp-pointed and appear to have frosted tips, pith very light brown.  
**Bark:** Light ashy gray and smooth when young; becoming broken into irregular blocks.  
**Form:** Small to medium sized shrub with numerous stems forming thickets up to 10 feet tall but generally shorter.

**Looks like:** [red-osier dogwood](#) - [roughleaf dogwood](#) - [silky dogwood](#)



Widespread in the eastern U.S.

**Additional Range Information:**  
*Cornus racemosa* is native to North America. It is not widely planted.  
[See states reporting gray dogwood.](#)

**External Links:**  
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