


red-osier dogwood [Cornaceae](#) [Cornus sericea](#) L.  symbol:
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Leaf: Opposite, simple, arcuately veined, 2 to 4 inches long, somewhat narrow, entire margin, green above, pale below.

Flower: Species is monoecious; small, dull white in flat top clusters about 2 inches across appearing in late spring to early summer.

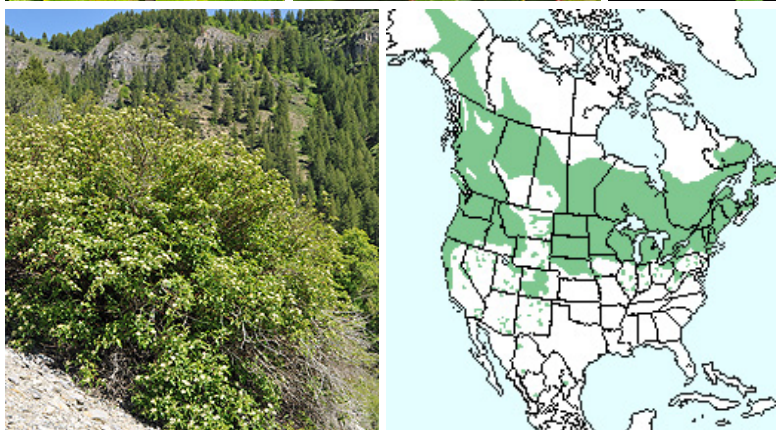
Fruit: Dull white, 1/4 to 1/3 inch in diameter in rounded clusters. Maturing in late summer to fall.

Twig: Bright red, sometimes green splotched with red, white pith, buds narrow and tapering, flower buds more swollen.

Bark: Red to green with numerous lenticels; later developing larger cracks and splits and turning light brown.

Form: Small to medium sized shrub with numerous stems forming thickets up to 15 feet tall but generally shorter.

Looks like: [Tatarian dogwood](#) - [gray dogwood](#) - [roughleaf dogwood](#) - [silky dogwood](#)



Additional Range Information:
Cornus sericea is native to North America. Range may be expanded by planting. [See states reporting red-osier dogwood.](#)

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