





Elegantissima Dogwood

Cornus alba 'Elegantissima'

Height: 7 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight:  

Hardiness Zone: 3a

Other Names: Silverleaf, Variegated Red Twig

Description:

One of the very hardiest of the variegated shrubs for garden use, although it can grow quite large for most gardens; also features white fringed green leaves with bright red stems; ideal for color accent in many landscaping applications

Ornamental Features

Elegantissima Dogwood has attractive white-variegated green foliage on a plant with a round habit of growth. The pointy leaves are highly ornamental but do not develop any appreciable fall colour. It has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It produces white berries in mid summer. The red branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Elegantissima Dogwood is a multi-stemmed deciduous shrub with a more or less rounded form. Its average texture blends into the landscape, but can be balanced by one or two finer or coarser trees or shrubs for an effective composition.

This is a relatively low maintenance shrub, and can be pruned at anytime. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Elegantissima Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;



Elegantissima Dogwood
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Elegantissima Dogwood foliage
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- Accent
- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use

Planting & Growing

Elegantissima Dogwood will grow to be about 7 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 5 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front, and is suitable for planting under power lines. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 20 years.

This shrub does best in full sun to partial shade. It is an amazingly adaptable plant, tolerating both dry conditions and even some standing water. It is not particular as to soil type or pH. It is highly tolerant of urban pollution and will even thrive in inner city environments. This is a selected variety of a species not originally from North America.