Silver and Gold Dogwood

Cornus sericea 'Silver and Gold'

Height: 8 feet

Spread: 10 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 2b

Other Names: C.stolonifera, Red-Osier

Description:

An excellent hardy color or accent shrub for general garden use; features white-variegated foliage and bright yellow stems that show well against the winter snow, especially when used in groups; will grow quite large



Silver and Gold Dogwood flowers
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Ornamental Features

Silver and Gold 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 color. It has clusters of white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It produces white berries in late summer. The yellow branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.



Silver and Gold Dogwood
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Landscape Attributes

Silver and Gold 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 shrub will require occasional maintenance and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Suckering

Silver and Gold Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

Planting & Growing

Silver and Gold Dogwood will grow to be about 8 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 10 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 selection of a native North American species.



Silver and Gold Dogwood foliage
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