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**Kelsey Dogwood**  
*Cornus sericea 'Kelseyi'*

Height: 3 feet

Spread: 3 feet

Sunlight: ☉ ●

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: C.stolonifera, Red-Osier

**Description:**

A compact and hardy plant for general garden use, with no single outstanding feature, but valued for its dense, closed habit of growth. Makes for a great coarse groundcover or foundation plant. This shrub prefers wet soil and sun or partial shade.

**Ornamental Features**

Kelsey Dogwood has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The pointy leaves turn an outstanding brick red in the fall. It produces white berries in late summer. The purple stems can be quite attractive.

**Landscape Attributes**

Kelsey 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 high maintenance shrub that will require regular care and upkeep, and can be pruned at anytime. It is a good choice for attracting birds to your yard. It has no significant negative characteristics.

Kelsey Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;



*Kelsey Dogwood*  
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*Kelsey Dogwood foliage*  
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- Mass Planting
- Hedges/Screening
- General Garden Use
- Naturalizing And Woodland Gardens

### Planting & Growing

Kelsey Dogwood will grow to be about 3 feet tall at maturity, with a spread of 3 feet. It tends to fill out right to the ground and therefore doesn't necessarily require facer plants in front. 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 may require supplemental watering during periods of drought or extended heat. 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. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder microclimates. This is a selection of a native North American species.



*Kelsey Dogwood in fall  
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