

All-season appeal of dogwoods includes flowers and vibrant fall color

Dogwoods are delightful, thanks to their all-season appeal. Favored for their springtime flowers, disease-resistant foliage and exceptional fall color, these remarkable cultivars are also appreciated for unique winter form and character that may include dappled bark as they mature. Big-bracted blooms smother the foliage in springtime before giving way to rich green leaves that turn brilliant shades of red and orange in autumn.



Celestial® Dogwood bursts forth in spring with a heavenly display of bloom. Bracts are white and broad to the point of overlapping, with flowering heavy enough to hide the foliage. This reliably heavy bloomer is fruitless. Upright as a young tree, it becomes rounded with age.

Prairie Pink Dogwood is "Plains Tough," a proven performer for challenging climates where other dogwood cultivars fail to thrive. The late Dr. John Pair of Kansas State University selected this pink-blooming dogwood for its superior performance on the windswept plains of Kansas. Its thick, glossy leaves are heat and tatter resistant. Fall color is orange red to purple red. Growth habit is upright and spreading, and rounded with age.



Summer Fun Dogwood brings joy to the garden when white flower bracts of late spring bloom above its boldly contrasting green and cream-white leaves. Leaf margins are brighter white than those of other variegated dogwoods and contribute to its standout character. Red-orange leaves of autumn sport bright pink margins. Red fruits of about ¾" diameter provide a colorful contrast to the variegated leaves in late summer and fall.

Venus® Dogwood blooms are downright voluptuous, with some exceeding six inches in diameter. They smother the deep green foliage in late spring. Leaves turn red to purple red in autumn. This offspring of our Pacific Northwest native dogwood and Chinese Dogwood is anthracnose and mildew resistant and drought tolerant. Nearly sterile, this fine hybrid bears little to no fruit. Form is upright and spreading



Starlight® Dogwood features large, firm, creamy white flowers borne on branches that grow in a strong, upright fashion that resembles the form of its Pacific Northwest native parent, *Cornus nuttallii*. Anthracnose and mildew resistance are inherited from its *Cornus kousa* parent. Clean, dark green foliage blankets the branches throughout the summer months before turning red to red-orange in the fall. Orange fruits are ¾-inch in diameter.

Find photos and detailed descriptions of these outstanding cultivars among the two dozen flowering dogwoods described on our website: www.jfschmidt.com/dogwoods



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