

SWAMP DOGWOOD

Cornus Amomum

Located in swamps, damp thickets and along streams throughout the Division. Also known as Silky Cornel, Kinnikinnik, Blueberry Cornell, Red Willow and Squawbush.

An upright or spreading shrub with reddish-brown twigs the youngest with silky brown hairs; to 3 m high. The leaves are opposite, egg-shaped, oval to lance-shaped, tapering to an abrupt, short tip, slightly narrowed or rounded at the base, on a stalk, dark green above (reddening in fall) lighter green beneath usually with reddish to pale hairs on the nerves and commonly on the surface; leaves of the fertile branches averaging half as wide (or wider) as long. Flowers are white, in 4 to 7 cm wide flattish clusters; stalks silky; blooming from May to July. Mature fruit blue or bluish-white; August to October.



The fruits are very important for wood duck, and many song- and game-birds. In addition to the fruit, the twigs and foliage are eaten by small mammals and deer.



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