Midwinter Fire Dogwood

Cornus sanguinea 'Midwinter Fire'

Height: 5 feet

Spread: 5 feet

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 4b

Other Names: Winter Flame Bloodtwig Dogwood

Description:

A highly ornamental shrub characterized by bright yellow stems that are tipped with red twigs, fall color is gold tinged with red, attractive flowers and fruit; a fine choice for winter landscapes

Ornamental Features

Midwinter Fire Dogwood has clusters of creamy white flowers at the ends of the branches in late spring. It has green deciduous foliage. The glossy oval leaves turn an outstanding gold in the fall. It produces deep purple berries in late summer. The red bark and harvest gold branches are extremely showy and add significant winter interest.

Landscape Attributes

Midwinter Fire Dogwood is a dense 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 is best pruned in late winter once the threat of extreme cold has passed. 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;

- Spreading

Midwinter Fire Dogwood in fall
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Midwinter Fire Dogwood in winter
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Midwinter Fire Dogwood is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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

Planting & Growing

Midwinter Fire Dogwood will grow to be about 5 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 medium 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 prefers to grow in average to moist conditions, and shouldn't be allowed to dry out. 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.

Midwinter Fire Dogwood stems
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