

Flowering Dogwood

Botanical Name: *Cornus florida*

Pronunciation: KOR-nus FLOOR-ih-dah



Fun Facts:

- Dogwoods have white flowers in the spring before the leaves appear
- Dogwoods have red football shaped berries that often last into the winter
- The wood of the dogwood is very hard and is used for industrial equipment such as commercial loom shuttles and spindles
- In colonial times, a tea brewed from the bark was said to reduce fevers
- Squirrels and birds devour the pretty red fruits
- The leaves turn red and purple in the fall
- Dogwoods usually grow under larger trees and are found in hardwood forests or at the edges of pine forests

