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Pagoda Dogwood

Cornus alternifolia

#7 container

\$40 each

Mature height x width: 20' x 25' (tree form)

Light: full sun

Moisture: best in slightly moist sites, but adaptable

Soil: acidic

Tolerates... black walnut toxicity

Does not tolerate... road salt

Ash replacement? ✘

Buckthorn replacement? ✔

Shoreline buffer zone? ✘

Seasonal interest: reddish twigs; dense clusters of fragrant, creamy-colored flowers; dark blue fruit; leaves turn burgundy red in autumn

Resilience to climate change: moderate

Pollinator and wildlife value: high

Other notes:

Pagoda Dogwood is a native tree that grows in the understory of woodlands and floodplains across Minnesota and the eastern United States. It is also a popular ornamental tree in the urban landscape, with attractive tiered branches that make it valuable for screening. The fragrant flowers appeal to butterflies, native bees, wasps and flies; songbirds and chipmunks are among the wildlife that visit to gorge on Pagoda Dogwood fruits in the late summer.

- Mulch to maintain consistent soil moisture, especially if planted in full sun.