Flowering Dogwood

Cornus florida

Plantae > Magnoliopsida > Conales > Cornacea

More information –
USDA http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=COFL2
MDC - http://mdc.mo.gov/discover-nature/field-guide/flowering-dogwood
Flora of Missouri by Julian Steyermark

January
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Coloring Guide
"Petals" usually white, rarely pink, flowers yellow, fruits bright red, leaves green in summer, rose red in autumn, twigs, branches and trunk grayish brown

Size
Trees – 10 to 12 m/30-40'
Flower bracts – 6-13 cm /2.25-5"
Fruits – 1-1.5 cm/.5-.75"

Other Characteristics
"Petals" are really bracts, flowers are small and yellow in the center. State Tree of Missouri. Smooth, hard wood used for small tools

What eats Dogwoods
Fruits & buds eaten by squirrels, white-tailed deer, wild turkey, quail
Leaves, bark & wood eaten by caterpillars and other insect larvae

What Dogwoods need: water, carbon dioxide, sunlight

North America Distribution Map

Missouri Distribution Map
(a native species)

Habitat (home/food/water)

forested ridges, bluffs, slopes & ravines

Home

well-drained acidic soils

in shade of large trees

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