

# Constellation® Dogwood



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The best of  
the Kousa  
Dogwood  
types. A  
strong  
specimen!

## *Cornus x 'Rutcan'*

- **Use:** An impressive, small but vigorous tree with full branching from bottom to top with lush green foliage and a profusion of large, white, flower-like bracts that appear in late spring to early summer. A stellar landscape specimen for small gardens or woodland settings. Highly disease resistant.. Developed by Elwin R. Orton, Jr. as part of the Stellar series of dogwoods released by Rutgers University. It is noted for its vigorous habit, profuse bloom and resistance to anthracnose and dogwood borer.
- **Exposure/Soil:** Part sun-shade. Best when planted under other trees, but not too deep a shade or poor flowering. Moist, well-drained soil, but not soggy. Use slow release fertilizer two times a year. Water regularly, when top 3 in. of soil is dry.
- **Growth:** Moderate growing; reaches 15 to 25 ft. tall, 12 to 18 ft. wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 5-8; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. Deep green waxy foliage that turns to robust autumn shades of red and purple.
- **Flower:** The true dogwood flowers are actually tiny, yellowish green and insignificant, being compacted into button-like clusters. However, each flower cluster is surrounded by four showy, white, petal-like bracts which open flat, giving the appearance of a single, large, 4-5" diameter, 4-petaled, white flower. A sterile cultivar that produces no fruit.