

Celestial® Dogwood



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, large-bracted flowers, profuse bloom and resistance to anthracnose and dogwood borer.



Cornus x rutgersensis 'Rutdan' PP7204

- **Use:** A dynamic new ornamental tree that will delight you with a year-long procession of colorful flowers, fruit, and foliage. In late spring, the white blossoms will smother the branches in a floral avalanche. In late summer, the funny nubby red fruits will steal the show. And when the days turn crisp and cool, this dazzling tree will grace your garden with orange, yellow, and purple fall foliage. Plant it near your porch, patio, or wherever you entertain, and it will be a topic of conversation at your next get-together, no matter what time of year! This vigorous, fast growing tree has outstanding disease resistance and is tolerant of mild drought when established.
- **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. This tree does better in open areas like lawns than the native trees do but it prefers some light shade especially in the afternoon. It prefers well-drained acidic soil and while it tolerates some dry soil it will not survive in water-logged environments.
- **Growth:** It has a generally uniform width from top to bottom, typically maturing to 14-18' tall and to 12-15' wide.
- **Hardiness:** Zone 6-9; Tree
- **Foliage:** Deciduous. The shiny dark green leaves turn reddish-purple to scarlet in fall. Excellent disease resistance.
- **Flower:** In spring 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, petal-like, white bracts which open flat, giving the appearance of a single, large, 3-5" diameter, 4-petaled, white flower. Bracts emerge white with a green tinge, but mature to pink. Fruits and nesting sites attractive to songbirds. Squirrels eat fruits as well.