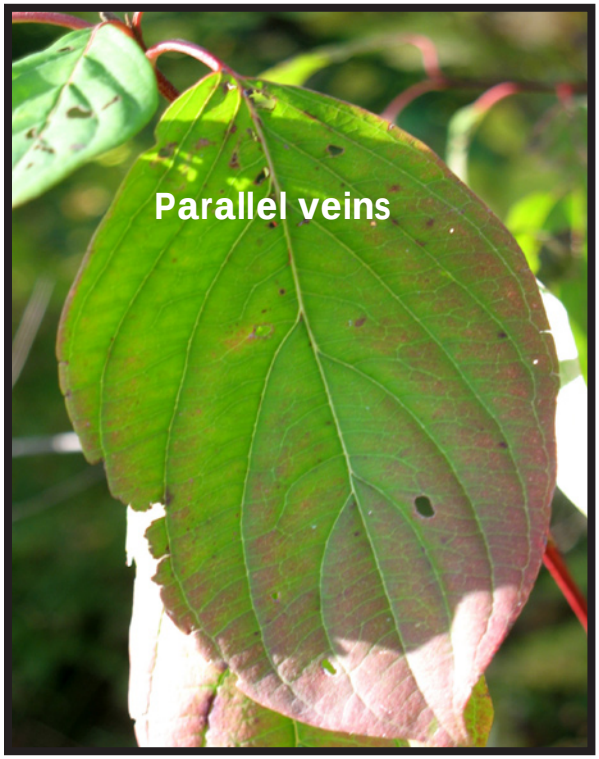
Redosier dogwood

Cornus sericea

Minnesota C-Value: 3

Wetland Indicator Status: FACW

Native



Leaves: Opposite, mostly ovate, but sometimes lanceolate. 5-12 cm long with 5-7 lateral veins that run parallel to the edge of the leaf.

Stems: 1-3 m in height, multi-stemmed. Deep reddish hue to branches, especially new growth. Hairless. White pith.

Flowers and fruit: Dense flat cluster of white flowers in a cyme. White berries develop in fall.

Plant communities: Shrub-carrs, wet meadows, shallow marshes, lake edges, calcareous fens.

Comments: Previously classified as *Cornus stolonifera*. The only dogwood in Minnesota to exhibit such red coloration in the twigs. Gray dogwood (*C. racemosa*) has grayish twigs. Silky dogwood (*C. amomum*) has purplish twigs and dark blue berries. Pagoda dogwood (*C. alternifolia*) has alternate branching.