# Alternateleaf Dogwood

*Cornus alternifolia L. f.*

- **Family:** Cornaceae  
- **Habitat:** Rich, deciduous & mixed woods; rocky slopes; coastal plains; shrub balds  
- **Color:** White flowers, dark blue fruits  
- **Height:** 15-25 ft.  
- **Exposure:** Sun to shade  
- **Bloom Dates:** May-June  
- **Soil Moisture:** Moist  
- **Soil Quality:** Rich, acidic  
- **Garden Uses:** Ornamental tree; effective at forest margins.  
- **Notes:** Fruit is dark blue on reddish stems, loved by the birds.  

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