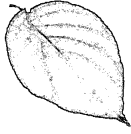


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The leaves are opposite and half as wide as they are long, with a maximum length of 5 inches. The edges are wavy and the leaf has 5-7 long curved veins on either side of the main vein. The leaves turn bright red or scarlet in autumn.

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Dogwood

Eastern Flowering Dogwood

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The flowers are either pink or white with four distinct petals and bloom in the early spring before the leaves unfurl. The seed is a shiny red berry usually in clusters, maturing in autumn, and is enjoyed by larger birds like the bluejay.

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The bark is very dark and rough, usually broken into four-sided scales. Branching is opposite and is a distinctive trait of the dogwood. The branches often curve to form horizontal planes.

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The Dogwood is a small woodland tree that thrives as part of the understory edge. It is probably our most ornamental tree and is used extensively in landscape planting. The bitter bark was formerly used in medicines, and the Indians extracted red dye from the bark of the roots.

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