PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus stolonifera Michx.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Red Osier, Kinnikinnik, Red dogwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit

DESCRIPTION

A shrubby tree. It has suckers and forms clumps. It has creeping underground stems. It grows 1.8-3 m high. The trunk is 7.5 cm wide. The leaves are oval or sword shaped and green. They are opposite and 4-9 cm long by 1.5-5 cm wide. The leaves turn orange-red in autumn. The winter stems are bright red. The flowers are white. They are 6 mm wide with 4 spreading petals. The flowers are in flattened clusters. The fruit are white. They can also be pale yellow. They are 6-10 mm across. They contain a stone with 2 seeds.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It grows just above the timberline in the Rocky Mountains. It can grow to 2,700 m altitude in the SW of USA. It suits hardiness zones 2-5. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown by seeds or suckers.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species.

PICTURES



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