PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus sanguinea Linn.

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Dogwood, Bloodtwig, Cornel dogwood, Cornel wood, Dogberry, Pegwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Oil

The fruit are eaten as a snack. They are also used for jam and syrup.

DESCRIPTION

A deciduous shrub. It grows 4.5 m tall. The shoots are red-green. The leaves are narrowly oval and pale green and hairy. They have 3-4 main veins. They have short stalks. The leaves turn red-purple in autumn. The flowers are white and have a scent. They are 8-10 mm across. They occur in dense clusters. The fruit are blue-black. They are round and 5-8 mm across.

HABITAT

Temperate. It grows in woodland and on the edges of ditches and roadsides. It is best in calcareous soils. It is resistant to frost but damaged by drought. Melbourne Botanical gardens. It suits hardiness zones 7-9.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

It can be grown by seeds or cuttings.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species. The seeds yield a fatty oil.

PICTURES



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