PLANT FACT SHEET

Cornus controversa Hemsl. ex Prain

GENUS *Cornus* **FAMILY** Cornaceae

COMMON NAMES Giant dogwood, Table dogwood, Tabletop dogwood

EDIBLE PARTS AND USES

Edible parts: Fruit, Sap

The fruit are eaten raw.

DESCRIPTION

A tree. It grows to 12 m tall. It has a straight trunk with branches in tiers. It loses its leaves during the year. The leaves are dark green. They turn purple in autumn. The leaves are glossy and strongly veined. They are arranged alternately on the red twigs. The flowers occur in flat clusters. They are white and about 10 cm across. The fruit are bluish-black. They are shiny.

HABITAT

It is a temperate plant. It is native to East Asia. It does best in light to medium, well-drained soils. It needs an open sunny position. It is resistant to frost but sensitive to drought. It suits hardiness zones 5-8. Burnie Rhodo garden. Arboretum Tasmania.

PRODUCTION

Cultivation

Plants can be grown from seed.

NOTES

There are about 45 Cornus species. The fruit is used for oil for folk medicine.

PICTURES



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