

## The Dogwood Collection

**Columbus Park of Roses  
Recreation and Parks Department  
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The Arboretum at the Columbus Park of Roses has 14 different dogwoods in its collection. Many are cultivars of *Cornus kousa*, native to Japan, Korea and China. There are also dogwood shrubs and the one dogwood tree native to this region. This self-guided tour allows you to walk through the entire garden. It will be useful to consult the map found in free brochure located in dispensers on garden kiosks.

Depending on species, you'll find these trees and shrubs flowering late winter through early summer. Enjoy their spectacular foliage and berry displays in autumn and beautiful bark in winter.

**Begin your tour in the Backyard Garden. As you enter the Backyard Garden by the kiosk, take the walkway to your left. You will find the first tree by turning left to the SW corner of the garden.**



### **'Summer Gold' Dogwood'**

*Cornus kousa*

- Native to Japan, Korea & China
- Grows to 7-8' tall
- Creamy white blooms in spring
- Variegated green leaves with wide yellow margins
- Leaves turn bright red in fall
- Full or partial sun
- Moist, well-drained soil

Continue to the north end of the garden where you will find the next dogwood on your right.



**'Kintoki' Cornelian Cherry Dogwood**  
*Cornus officinalis*

- Native to Japan and Korea
- Small tree, reaching 15 ft. tall
- Note the leaves branch opposite one another which is a dogwood characteristic
- Yellow small flower in late winter; flowers before *Cornus mas*, (the final tree on this tour)
- Bright orange to red fruit
- Bark exfoliates with maturity, revealing shades of brown, orange and gray on trunk
- Sun to part shade
- This tree is also found in the Heritage Garden

**Exit the Backyard Garden, walking east between the stone pillars into the rose garden. After the last pillar on your left, look to the left to find the next tree. There are three at the edge of the planting bed, next to the large magnolia tree.**



## **Pagoda Dogwood**

*Cornus alternifolia*

- Native
- Grows to 15-25 ft. tall
- Large shrub or small tree
- Alternate leaves
- Small white flowers
- Full sun to part shade
- Blueish/black fruit borne in clusters
- Birds love the fruit

**Continue along the pathway on the north side of the Long Mall. As you approach the north arbor, look to your left, in front of the large American Holly tree and you will find several dogwood shrubs with red stems.**



**'Baileyi' Red Osier Dogwood**  
*Cornus sericea*

- Native shrub
- Grows to 6-10 ft. tall
- Opposite leaves
- White flowers
- Stems colorful in winter
- Full sun, part shade
- Tolerates a wide variety of soils, prefers wet
- Fruits in clusters & loved by birds

**Continue walking on the north side of the long mall and past the tower. When you reach the pillars for the entrance of the Heritage Rose Garden, continue into this garden.**

**When the path curves to the left, you will find the next tree to your left.**



**'Mandarin Jewel' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 20 ft. tall
- Abundant white blooms in spring
- Noted for the cherry sized orange fruit in the fall
- Full sun to part shade

**Continue walking along the pathway. The next tree is on your right at the back of the bed when the split rail fence begins.**



**'Wolf Eyes' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Slow growing, reaching 12-15 ft. tall
- White blooms
- Variegated wavy leaves
- Bright red fruit
- Turns bright red in fall
- Partial sun and shade
- Moist soil

The next tree is also found on the south side at the point where the split rail fence ends.



**'Samaritan' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 25 ft. tall
- Variegated ruffled leaves
- White blooms bloom after leaves come out
- In the fall, bright reds and pinks appear in the white margins of the leaves
- Reddish raspberry-like fruits from August through October
- Full or partial sun
- Moist, well-drained soil

As the pathways merge, look to your left, and you will see the next tree near the access road.



**'Milky Way' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 15-20 ft.
- White blooms
- Pinkish fruit in summer
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil

Walk around the circle in the Heritage Garden, return to the south side of the long mall. Turn left at the intersection of the pathway toward the Heritage Rose Garden. Halfway down this pathway, go to the left to reach the large stand of shrubs which has dogwood trees around the edge. Walk counterclockwise around the bed.



'Celestial Shadow' **Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 15-20 ft. tall
- White blooms
- Reddish pink fruits in summer, loved by birds
- Leaves turn orange-red to scarlet in fall
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil



**'Scarlet Fire' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows 20-25 ft. tall
- Dark pink to fuchsia blooms
- Pinkish-red fruit in summer, loved by birds
- Leaves turn shades of red and orange
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil



**'Santomi' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 12-20 ft. Tall
- Pink blooms which vary in intensity depending on such things as landscape placement
- Red fruits
- Leaves turn red in autumn
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil



**'Greensleeves' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 12-20 ft. tall
- Creamy white blooms
- Deep pink fruit
- Leaves turn shades of red and purple in autumn
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil



**'Rosy Teacups' Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to China
- Grows to 15-20 ft. tall
- Pink blooms
- Leaves turn scarlet and purple in fall
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil
- Bred for disease resistance

Enter the Herb Garden where you will find the next tree at the edge of the ravine.



**Kousa Dogwood**  
*Cornus kousa*

- Native to Japan, Korea, China, Taiwan
- Grows to 15-30 ft. tall
- White blooms
- Reddish fruit
- Leaves turn reddish-purple to scarlet in autumn
- Full sun to part shade
- Moist, well-drained soil

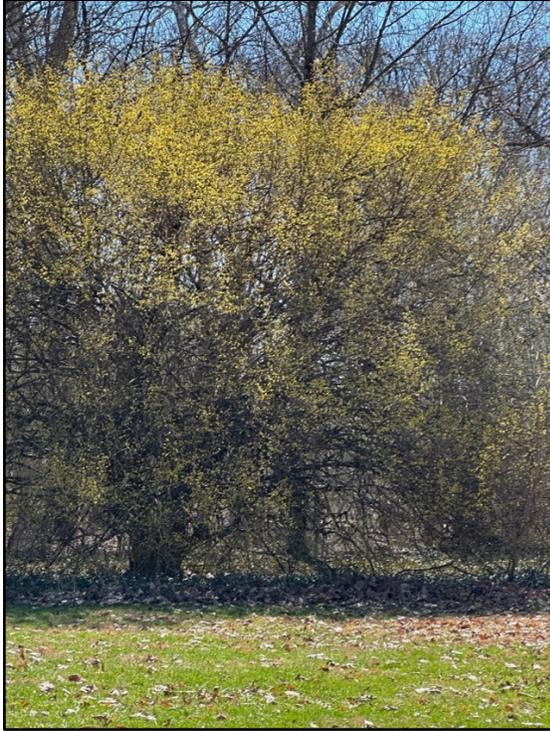
Walk to the Perennial Garden to find the next tree. One is on the west side of the garden and there is another tucked away in the southeast section of the garden close to the Herb Garden.



**Flowering Dogwood**  
*Cornus florida*

- Native to Eastern North America
- Grows to 15-30 ft. tall
- White blooms
- Bright red fruits are bitter and inedible to humans, but loved by birds
- Leaves turn shades of red in autumn
- Full sun to part shade
- State tree of Missouri and Virginia
- Susceptible to large number of diseases when stressed

The final Dogwood is seen to the south of the Volunteer Office (south side of the shelter house). It is one of the first things to bloom in the garden, around St. Patrick's Day.



### **Cornelian Cherry Dogwood**

*Cornus mas*

- Native of Western Asia, Europe
- Grows to 15-25 ft. tall
- Considered a deciduous shrub or small tree
- Flowers before leaves emerge
- Fruits are one-seeded red berries
- Full to partial shade
- Moist, well-drained soils
- Insignificant fall color



**We hope you have enjoyed seeing the dogwood collection.**