

CORNUS SANGUINEA

“MIDWINTER FIRE”



Fam. Cornaceae

DESCRIPTION

The Bloodtwig dogwood is a shrub that can grow up to 5 metres tall.

LEAVES

Oval or elliptic leaves with acute apex and petioles, they can grow up to 10 cm long. The veins of the leaves are curved and the petioles have no down.

HABITAT

The range of this species includes Europe and Anatolia. It is widespread in Europe.

FRUITS

Drupes the size of a pea, inedible; following ripening (between September and October) they become black; they are eaten by birds and some mammals.

DISTRIBUTION

In Italy it is grown as an ornamental plant in all regions, including the islands.

STEM

Erect trunk, very irregularly branched even near the ground; smooth, shiny, grey bark with reddish cracks, rugose with age.

FLOWERS

They are white and scented; the plant blooms from May to June; it often blooms a second time between September and October, if the weather is favourable. It is a melliferous plant visited by bees.

ROOTS

The root system is robust and deep.

INTERESTING FACTS

This plant has antithrombotic and anticoagulant properties and is efficacious in the treatment of hyperthyroidism. In the language of flowers and plants, Dogwood of any variety is the symbol of good health, given its longevity.

