

Alternative Species

Taxonomic Name: *Cornus mas*

Common Name: *Cornelian cherry dogwood*

Physical Description:



Growth Type: *Cornus mas* grows as a bush or small tree. It can grow to heights of up to 20 feet. It typically is multi-stemmed and the branches grow from the ground in an upright fashion. At maturity, the shape is an upright oval.

Leaves: Leaves are opposite each other, elliptic in shape and 2 – 4 inches long and about half as wide.



Flowers: Flowers emerge in early spring and is one of the first woody shrubs to flower. The flowers are small, approximately 1/4 inch across but are clustered together and provide color in the landscape when it is typically lacking.



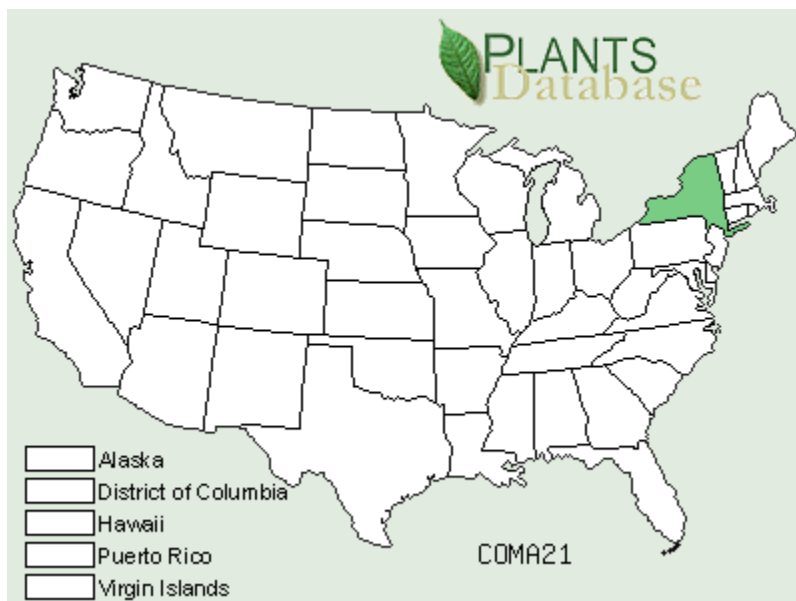
Fruit: *Cornus mas*, again like *Berberis*, has red oval fruit.



Bark: *The bark is exfoliating and produces mottled patches of tans and browns on the trunk and large branches.*

Coverage Area:

This is an introduced species to the United States but has naturalized in New York State.



Sources:

<http://plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=COMA21>

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