

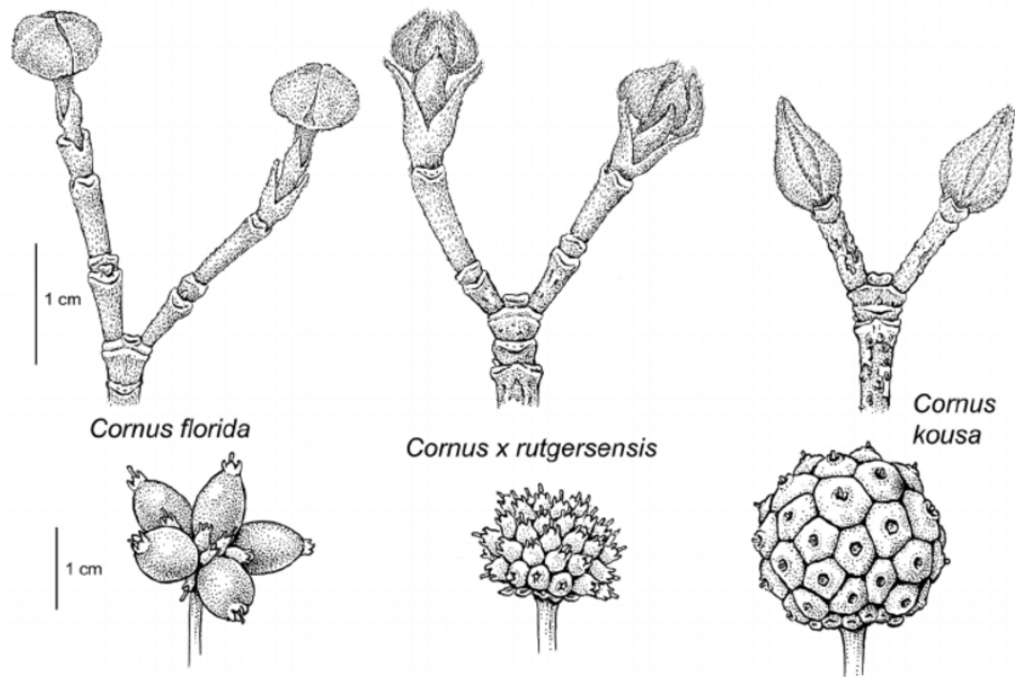
A close-up photograph of several white dogwood flowers in bloom. The flowers have four large, white, slightly pointed petals and a central cluster of small, yellow stamens. They are surrounded by lush, green, serrated leaves. The background is a dense thicket of similar foliage.

# Native Dogwood & Cultivars

Photo by Paul Schultz



# Bud Comparison



Comparison of flowering bud and fruit development in *Cornus florida*, *Cornus x rutgersensis*, and *Cornus kousa*. Drawing by Bobbi Angell.



winter twigs and buds



*Cornus nuttallii*

# Bark Comparison



*C. nuttallii*

Smooth grey bark



*C. florida*

Dark brown or grey, growing in square patterns surrounded by deep ridges



*C. kousa*

Tan-Grey, mottled exfoliating bark

# Flower Comparison



*C. nuttallii*



*C. florida*



*C. kousa*



# Leaf Comparison



*C. nuttallii*



*C. kousa*



*C. florida*