

Cornus nuttalli

Botanical Name: *Cornus nuttalli*

Common Name: Mountain dogwood

Morphological Characters

It is a small to medium-sized deciduous tree, reaching 10–25 m tall. The leaves are opposite, simple, oval, 8–12 cm long, and 5–8 cm broad. The flowers are individually small and inconspicuous, 2–3 mm across, produced in a dense, rounded, greenish-white flowerhead 2 cm diameter; the 4–8 large white "petals" are actually bracts, each bract 4–7 cm long and broad. The fruit is a compound pink-red berry about 3 cm diameter, containing 50–100 small seeds; it is edible, though not very palatable.



Growing season and Type

- 1) Bloom first appears in April and extends into early June.
- 2) Each flower consists of a greenish center surrounded by six creamy white petal-like, 2" long bracts.
- 3) Flowers morph into bright red fruit known as drupes, which can enlarge to ½" in length. Local song birds greatly enjoy feeding on the berries.



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- 1) Flower of *Cornus nuttalli*
- 2) Leaf of *Cornus nuttalli*
- 3) Tree of *Cornus nuttalli*

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