

## Gray Dogwood (*Cornus racemosa*)

Origin: Native.

Status in Park: Widespread shrubs, often forming thickets.

Characteristics: Typically reaching 3-15 feet in height, 1 ½ inches in diameter; crowns rounded if growing alone; bark smooth, greenish to tan in young plants, becoming gray as they mature; flowers white or cream-colored, ill-scented, in loose clusters 1-2 ½ inches wide, May-July; fruits white, berry-like, about ¼ inch across, on bright red stalks, July-September.

Leaves: Opposite, simple; blades 1-4 inches long; smooth-edged, and with 3-4 prominent veins on each side; dark grayish-green above and smooth to the touch, paler and minutely hairy beneath,



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