

Spring Grove Cemetery & Arboretum



Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, Cincinnati, is home to a patented flowering dogwood tree. A royalty will be added to the cost of the liners or B&B plants when they become available. Selected growers are currently propagating the plant. For more information, call 513.681.7526.

Name: *Cornus florida* 'Grofflor'

Common Name: Spring Grove Dogwood

Origin: Originated as a seedling at Spring Grove Cemetery and Arboretum, Cincinnati.

Hardiness: Zone 4; has survived -25°F.

Habit and Growth Rate: Ornamental deciduous tree; broader than tall; horizontal branches begin to emerge low on the trunk; Grows at a medium rate upon transplanting – faster once established; parent plant at cemetery (approximately 50 years old) is 26 feet tall and 35 feet wide.

Ornamental Features: extremely large white bracts (late April); frequently bears two or three terminal floral buds, creating a floriferous habit and an abundant fruit production. Medium green leaves in summer, typical of species. Reddish purple fall foliage.

Culture: Requires highly organic soil and partial shade. (Will tolerate a fairly large amount of sun for a dogwood)

Pest/disease problems: Occasional mild leaf spot. No signs of dogwood anthracnose (*Discula* species) have been observed.

Landscape value: Ornamental, well-shaped tree for year round interest. An excellent wildlife tree due to abundant fruit production.

Propagation: Softwood cuttings (June or July); 8,000 parts per million IBA in talc. May also be grafted or budded in *C. florida*.