

# June Snow Dogwood features big blooms, bright fall color

Large white flower clusters that appear in June inspired the name of **June Snow Dogwood** (*Cornus controversa* 'June Snow'). Flat-topped clusters of tiny white, star-like flowers often exceed six inches in diameter. They float above the leaves of this fine selection of Giant Dogwood in late spring.

Outstanding fall color is another attribute. Dark green summer foliage gives way to mottled fall tones of orange-yellow, red, purple and purple-red. Abundant clusters of blue-black, 1/4-inch fruits also create seasonal interest.

As June Snow Dogwood matures, its wide spreading branches become distinctively horizontally tiered, a characteristic that is especially appreciated in winter. It becomes wider than tall, reaching a height of about 30 feet and a spread of about 40 feet after 30 years in a typical urban landscape setting. Hardiness is rated as USDA Zone 5, but field testing over the past 15 years since its introduction, it appears to be hardier. Based on its success in growing trials in the Fort Collins area, Dr. Jim Klett of Colorado State University suggests June Snow Dogwood as a new and unusual tree for that area.



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