



# Pacific Dogwood

*Cornus nuttallii*

Dogwood Family (*Cornaceae*)

**General Description:** Twig ends tend to curve upwards; smooth grey bark; new growth is dull grey, red, or green and is covered with pubescence; has a tendency to retain previous year's leaves.

**Key Characteristics:** Thin, curved twigs with long internodes in whorls of three or four; pumpkin-like buds with two half and full scales; three bundle scars within a narrow V-shape; green, red, or purple leaf scars; full scales are soft and hairy with white tips.

**Confused With:** Vine Maple or red-osier dogwood.

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