Common Name: Red Osier Dogwood
Scientific Name: *Cornus sericea*

**Sun Exposure:** Full sun to part shade

**Average Size:** 10-20 feet tall and equally large spread

**Moisture:** Prefers wet to moist conditions

**Elevation:** Sea level to timberline

**Soils:** Prefers moist, loamy soils

**Shape:** Finely spreading shrub with many stems, branches opposite, lower branches often lying on the ground and rooting freely.

**Foliage:** Opposite, deciduous, oval 5-10 cm long, mostly sharp pointed, turning reddish in autumn.

**Flower:** White to greenish, small (2-4 mm long); 4 petals and numerous in dense, flat-topped terminal clusters

**Fruit:** White occasionally blue tinged, small (7-9 mm long) berry like drupes, each with a somewhat flattened stone, inedible

**Notes:**
- Also known as “Red Twig Dogwood” for its bright red branches, especially after a frost
- Provides forage for elk, and deer in winter
- Birds use the plant for nesting
- Usually found along streams