

HARRINGTON ORIGIN REDOSIER DOGWOOD

Scientific Name: *Cornus sericea ssp. sericea L.*

Common Name: Redosier dogwood

Release Name: Cheney origin

Release Type: selected

Selected By: Pullman PMC, USDA-NRCS

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COLD HARDINESS ZONE (USDA, 1990): 5a,5b,6a, and 6b.

ORIGIN: Harrington origin Redosier dogwood is a deciduous shrub originating from native plants growing on a riparian site near Harrington, Washington.

DESCRIPTION: Harrington is a red-twiggged phenotype with a spreading rather than upright canopy. It is a short to medium-statured phenotype. It was 4.5 feet tall with a canopy width of 5 feet after 13 years in an upland planting at Pullman, Washington. The leaves display prominent veins on the upper side and the lower sides are light green and pubescent. Leaves turn red in the fall. Flowers are creamy white and grow in clusters on the outer canopy. Round, white fruit approximately 1/4 inch in diameter mature in summer.

DISEASE AND INSECT PROBLEMS:

SEED PRODUCTION: Cheney origin is a vegetatively propagated phenotype. Dormant cuttings are easily rooted in a greenhouse using a well-drained potting medium. Softwood cuttings are easily rooted with bottom heat and mist in coarse perlite. Four foot long whips are recommended for establishing plants in the wild. Whips need to be planted deep to prevent desiccation and ensure establishment. Wounding the base of the whip has been shown to improve rooting. Hardwood cuttings will be made available to growers and researchers as supplies are available.

SEEDING RECOMMENDATIONS: Harrington origin Redosier dogwood grows well in moist well-drained soils. It tolerates seasonally flooded soils and coarse-textured soils. It requires a minimum of 20 inches average annual precipitation on uplands but grows in areas that receive less annual precipitation when planting sites are moist most of the growing season. It occurs along perennial and intermittent streams and watercourses. It is tolerant of partial shade.

CONSERVATION USES: Intended uses include riparian area restoration, streambank stabilization, wildlife habitat improvement and native landscaping. Other uses include

shelterbelts, roadside beautification and as a food plants for wildlife. The primary intended area of use includes Major Land Resource Area (MLRA) B-8 (Columbia Plateau). Secondary intended use areas include MLRA B-7 (Columbia Basin) B-9 (Palouse and Nez Perce Prairies).

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