

CORNUS RUGOSA Lam.
Round-leaved Dogwood

FAMILY: Cornaceae

SYNONYMS: *Cornus circinata* L'Her.

HABIT: Shrub or small tree to 4 m; flowers May-July, fruits Aug.-Oct.

SIMILAR SPECIES: This species is somewhat similar to the other opposite leaved dogwoods in Ohio. It can be identified by the following combination of characters: leaves blades broadly ovate, abruptly pointed and rough; pith white; young branches green, blotched with purple; fruit light-blue.

TOTAL RANGE: Que. to N. Ont. and Man., s. to NJ, PA, OH, IN, IA and s. in the mountains to VA.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Lake, Lorain, Lucas, Pickaway, and Summit counties. Pre-1980 records are from Erie, Franklin, Geauga, Greene, Ottawa, and Ross counties.

HABITAT: Moist or dry, sandy, gravelly or rocky soil; in limestone regions.

HAZARDS: Overshading by taller woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Unknown.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Collect branchlet with fruit if possible.

COMMENTS: The species should be sought in calcareous habitats throughout northern Ohio.

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