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Bunchberry
Cornus canadensis

Distribution:

Mid to high elevation coniferous forests from British Columbia to northern California.

Growth Habit:

Bunchberry is also known as Dwarf Dogwood, Canadian Bunchberry or Dogwood Bunchberry. This low growing deciduous plant shows its most vigorous growth in partial shade but does well in full shade. Soils should be moist and well drained. Bunchberry reproduces by seed and vegetatively by rhizomes. This small plant only grows 2"-8" tall. In July and August this shrub blooms with tiny white clustered flowers surrounded by four large white bracts, giving the appearance of a single blossom. These flowers produce coral red berries favored by Grouse, Veery, Vireos and many other birds. The berries are also edible and make a nice jelly.

