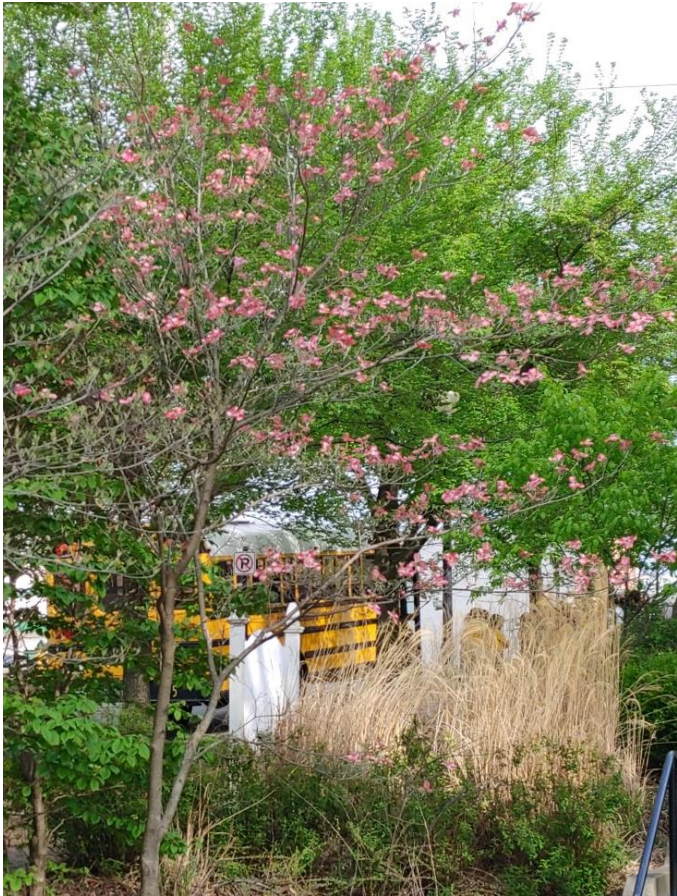


Flowering Dogwood (Cornus florida)



Sometimes considered the most spectacular of the native, flowering trees, the Flowering Dogwood can grow to about 20 feet typically, with mature specimens growing up to 50 percent wider than that. They can be a single- or multi-trunked tree with a spreading crown and long-lasting, showy, white and pink spring blooms. A lovely, small, flowering tree with short trunk and crown of spreading or nearly horizontal branches. The Flowering Dogwood tree is deciduous.

The hard wood of the Flowering Dogwood is extremely shock-resistant and useful for making weaving-shuttles. It is also made into spools, small pulleys, mallet heads, golf club heads, and jeweler's blocks. Native Americans used the aromatic bark and roots as a remedy for malaria and extracted a red dye from the roots.

These trees prefer an acidic soil that is cool, moist, and well drained and can be planted in full sun or partial shade. This species is also susceptible to many diseases and insect problems and should be used sparingly around New Albany.