Plant Propagation Protocol for [Insert Species]
ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production
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TAXONOMY		
Plant Family		
Scientific Name	CORNACEAE	
Common Name	Dogwoods	
Species		
Scientific		
Name		
Scientific Name	Cornus glabrata Benth.	
Varieties		
Sub-species		
Cultivar		

Common	Cornus costulata Jeps.	
Synonym(s)	Swida catalinensis Millsp.	
Synonym(s)	Swida glabrata (Benth.) A.Heller.	
	Thelycrania catalinensis (Millsp.) Pojark.	
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(	Thelycrania glabrata (Benth.) Pojark.	
Common Name(s)	Brown Dogwood, Smooth Dogwood	
Species Code (as	COGL3	
per USDA Plants		
database)	CENEDAL INFORMATION	
GENERAL INFORMATION		
Geographical range	Oregon and California.	
	See maps above for distribution in North America as well as the	
	distributions in Oregon State and the State of California.	
Ecological	Coastal ranges and the foothills of the Sierra Nevada mountains. Some	
distribution	populations exist on the Channel Islands. Typically resides near water	
	and be located near stream banks (Calscape).	
Climate and	Below 5,000 feet in elevation (Calscape).	
elevation range		
	Annual precipitation in ideal climate ranges from 9.2-89.2 inches, with	
	0.16-3.68 inches of the precipitation occurring in the summer months	
	(Calscape).	
Local habitat and	Often found in similar habitats to various moths and butterflies,	
abundance	including the Echo Blue and Spring Azure. Attracts numerous birds	
	with its flowers and berries (Calscape).	
	Often found in habitats with Sequoia sempervirens, Abies bracteata,	
	Pseudosuga menziesii, Thalictrum fendleri, Styrax officinalis, Mimulus	
	guttatus, Rhododendron, and Vaccinium ovatum (Calscape).	
	Requires partial shade, moderate to high moisture, and slow-draining	
	soil. Typically found on clay to loam soil (California Native Plants and	
	Habitat Enhancement Services) with a pH range from 5.0-8.0	
	(Calscape).	
Plant strategy type /	Fast-growing perennial shrub. Establishes early in well-watered	
successional stage	ecosystems (California Native Plants and Habitat Enhancement	
successional stage	Services).	
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	Vegetative reproduction via root suckers (Calscape).	
	Adapts to drier conditions by restricting growth (California Native	
	Plants and Habitat Enhancement Services).	
Plant characteristics	Large, weeping, perennial, deciduous shrub from 4.9 to 20 feet tall.	
1 min characteristics	Limber branches and red, purple, or brown bark. Bright green leaves	
	transition to red in autumn. Produces clusters of delicate and stringy	
	9.5	
	white flowers and bluish-white berries in the spring (Calscape).	

PROPAGATION DETAILS		
Ecotype		
Propagation Goal	Plants	
Propagation	Vegetative	
Method		
Product Type	Propagules (cuttings of the stem or rhizome)	
Stock Type		
Time to Grow	2-4 months	
Target	Shrub that is 4.9-20 feet tall (Calscape). Can outplant prior to	
Specifications	maturation height, or once roots have been established and potting	
	containers have been outgrown (Carroll).	
Propagule	Take cuttings in the spring once the shrub completes its bloom cycle.	
Collection	Stem should snap when bent in half. Make cutting one inch below a set	
Instructions	of leaves, and ensure the cutting is 3-5 inches long. Keep cuttings damp	
	by sandwiching between wet paper towels (Carroll).	
Propagule	Prepare cutting for planting immediately after collection. Remove	
Processing/Propa	lowest set of leaves from stem to create wounds that encourage root	
gule	growth. Prune other leaves that may touch the soil when the cutting is	
Characteristics	placed in media (Carroll).	
Pre-Planting	Once the cutting has been pruned and wounds have been created, dip	
Propagule	the bottom of the cutting in rooting hormone prior to planting in media	
Treatments	(Carroll).	
Growing Area	Fill potting containers with a mixture of sand and perlite to be used as	
Preparation /	growing media. The potting container should be at least 3 inches in	
Annual Practices	diameter and run more than 1.5 inches deep. Stick the stem into the	
for Perennial	growing media 1.5 inches deep then pack down the media to ensure the	
Crops	cutting can stand upright. Wet the media and place in greenhouse	
Establishment	enviornment (Carroll).	
	Check the cutting for rooting once per week by gently tugging on the	
Phase Details	stem to see if any resistance has developed. Once roots have	
	established, remove from the greenhouse environment and place	
	containers near partial sunlight. Amend soil with fertilizer every two weeks until plant enters active growth phase (Carroll).	
Length of	The cutting should establish roots within six weeks (Carroll).	
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Phase		
Active Growth	When the cutting has outgrown potting container, replant in larger	
Phase	container with commercial potting soil or in outplanting site (Carroll).	
1 1100 4	Maintain partial sunlight accessibility and soil moisture, ensuring that	
	soil drainage rate is slow (LBJ Wildflower Center).	
Length of Active	Plant blooms in March, April, and May (LBJ Wildflower Center). Will	
Growth Phase	flower until June and fruit from August to October (Flora of North	
	America).	
Hardening Phase	Prune the shrub in late fall once leaves have dropped to manage shape	
	(Calscape).	

Length of	Varies. Will enter dormancy once temperatures fall below -15 degrees	
Hardening Phase	Celsius (Calscape).	
Harvesting, Storage	Plant cuttings immediately after collection in spring, or store in cool,	
and Shipping	dark, and moist place (Natural Resources Conservation Service).	
Length of Storage	If unable to immediately plant, can store up to four months in cool,	
	dark, and moist conditions. If the area is excessively wet, it will	
	encourage rooting so be sure to closely monitor (Natural Resources	
	Conservation Service).	
	If planting in potting containers, can store until pots are outgrown, or	
Guidelines for	until summer months (Carroll).	
Outplanting /	Dogwood cuttings in general struggle to root and rarely survive more than one year (Richards). If cuttings are successful, mature plant should	
Performance on	reach 4.9-20 feet in height (Calscape). Will bloom annual in March,	
Typical Sites	April and May (LBJ Wildflower Center).	
Other Comments	Tipin and May (EBS Whanower Center).	
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