CORNACEAE
Cornus canadensis L.
Coca

bunchberry dogwood

FORM: Low, rhizomatous, trailing subshrub, largely herbaceous, 5-20cm (2-8in) tall.

STEMS: Erect, greenish to reddish stems.

LEAVES: Evergreen, elliptic, with prominent, pinnate venation, 2-8cm (1-3in) long, 4-7 in a terminal whorl.

FLOWERS: In solitary, terminal, condensed cymes, greenish-white petals with deep purplish tinge, subtended by 4 white, pinkish or purple-tinged, ovate bracts, 1-2cm (<1in) long; June-Aug.

FRUIT: Tight cluster of bright red, fleshy, 2-seeded drupes, 6-8mm long.

NOTES: A widely used ornamental which is easily introduced by seed, or transplanting.