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Cornus controversa (Giant Dogwood) ID #904

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Giant Dogwood

Cornus controversa

Tag #904

Location: Near Main Entrance to O'Hare and Spiritual Garden

Height (m): unknown

DBH (cm): 10cm

Canopy Radius (m): 15m

Condition: good

Age Class: Mature

Date of Observation: 20 Feb 2018, 26 Feb 2018, 5 Mar 2018, 16 Mar 2018, 21 Mar 2018, 3 Apr 2018, 9 Apr 2018, and 30 Apr 2018.

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20 Feb 2018



This tree had support lines on the first week of documentation. After this week, they were removed. The tree had no buds and the soil was packed at the base of the tree.

26 Feb 2018



On this day, and from days after this, the support lines were taken off the tree. There were still no buds at this time and the tree is still pretty bare.

5 Mar 2018



On this day there were still no buds or leaves, but the red wood on the branches was much brighter than it was on previous days. There were no signs of animals near, around, or on the tree on this day.

16 Mar 2018



On this day, there were no signs of buds or leaves or flowers. As one can tell from the picture, there was snow on the ground and at the base of the tree.

21 Mar 2018



On this day, there was still some snow on the ground, though there was no longer snow near the tree. The tree still had no signs of buds, flowers, or leaves.

3 Apr 2018



On this day, the snow was no longer on the ground or near the tree. The tree still had no buds, leaves, or flowers at this point.

9 Apr 2018



On this day, there were a few leaves by the base of the tree from surrounding trees. There were still no buds, flowers, or leaves on the tree.

30 Apr 2018



On this day, although there were no flowers or leaves, there were buds on the tree. There was also new mulch put down around the tree. In the distance, there is a line of yellow daffodils that aren't see in the other pictures because that was the week that all the flowers bloomed.

Overall, my tree didn't go through many extremely obvious changes. Towards the end, it started to finally have buds on its branches. I didn't see if it changed in height throughout this observation, but I'm sure that it did grow.

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