



Above: The 5-lobed flower appears before fruit formation

Right: Mother plants send out runners that can grow over bed edges, if they find soil then new plants will root and create daughter plants



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Family: Rosaceae

Stem & Leaf Type: herbaceous perennial

Size: 12” tall and 18” wide

USDA Hardiness Zones: 4-8

Leaves: compound, 3 leaflets, serrate

Leaf Color: medium green, glossy above

Fall Color: none

Flowers: white or reddish, 5 petals and sepals

Fruit: achenes on a red, fleshy receptacle

Light: full sun-light shade

Moisture: well-drained

Insect/Disease Issues: none

Nativity: Cultivated

Location in the Gardens:

Home Production Garden



Culture & Landscape Value:

A plant grown for its fruit—can be June bearing (one large crop), “everbearing” (two medium crops), or day-neutral (continuous small crops)

A groundcover crop—can spread up to 18” every year. Plants produce fruit for 2-3 years before dying, leaving future production to its runner plants.

Strawberry fruits are most often bright red, but cultivars exist with white, yellow, and purple-tinged fruits.

Notes:

Cultivated worldwide for its fruit

First bred in Brittany, France in the 1750s.

A hybrid of *F. virginiana* and *F. chiloensis*.

The first strawberry species cultivated for fruit was *F. vesca*, the woodland strawberry.

China grows 40% of commercial strawberries.

Months of Interest:

Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr
May	Jun	Jul	Aug
Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec