



Fragaria virginiana

Wild Strawberry



Wild strawberry's flowers attract native bees and other pollinators. The tasty berries attract a variety of birds and mammals, including humans!

Characteristics	
Height: 6 inches	 <p>Photo credit: Gaétan Lefebvre</p>
Spread: Large patches	
Bloom time: April-June	
Bloom color: Small, white flowers with yellow centers	
Fruit: Small, red strawberries are edible	
Attributes	
This ground-hugging plant rises from a fibrous, perennial root system	 <p>Photo credit: Jen Balachowski</p>
Hairy flower stalk holds loose cluster of small, five-petaled flowers	
Flowers produce tasty, wild strawberries	
Flowers attract pollinators, like butterflies and native bees; fruit attracts wildlife	
Larval host plant for Gray Hairstreak butterfly	
Cultivated strawberries are hybrids developed from this native species	
Growing and Maintenance	
Soil requirements: Moist, well-drained, but some dryness is tolerated	Native Range
Light requirements: Sun to part shade	
Water requirements: Low to medium	
Spread by runners that root as they sprawl along the ground; propagate from runners	
Thrives in a wide variety of conditions	Grows in open woodlands, fields, meadows, and prairies

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