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WILD STRAWBERRY

Fragaria virginiana

A beautiful and edible cool-season perennial ground cover, with white flowers and red fruit. Attractive to native pollinators and useful for erosion control. Deer and drought tolerant.

Benefits for Wildlife

- Excellent for pollinators, especially the Rose Miner Bee, *Andrena melanochroa*
- Sole plant host of the Strawberry Cutworm, Strawberry Tortrix, and Miranda moths
- Many mammals feast on small berries

Host to 81 caterpillar species, including: (common names) Isabella Tiger Moth; Crocus Geometer; Gray Hairstreak; Bronzed Cutworm; Himmelman's Plume Moth

Benefits for People

- Delicious edible fruit - when ripe, sweeter than our grocery store varieties!
- Deep red foliage in the fall
- Hardy native groundcover

Growing Information

<i>Sunlight</i>	Full sun to part shade
<i>Soil Type</i>	Moist to dry-mesic, sandy, well-drained
<i>Height</i>	4-7"
<i>Width</i>	1-2'
<i>Flowering calendar</i>	April to June

Natural Habitat

- Woodland openings, meadows, prairies

