



Project BudBurst

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Common Name: Woods strawberry, Wild strawberry, Virginia strawberry
Scientific Name: *Fragaria virginiana*
Plant Family: Rosaceae

Identifying Characteristics:

Size: Ground-hugging plant, less than 31 cm (1 ft) tall.

Leaves: The leaves are thin, with toothed edges, and appear in leaflets of 3. Hairy stems grow up to 15 cm (6 in) long.

Flowers: Flowers have 5 white petals, with numerous yellow pistils and stamens in the center.

Habitat: Natural habitat is in meadows and forest openings, at higher elevations where a good frost occurs.

Bloom time: Late spring (May), depending on location.

Information source:
USDA Plants Database (plants.usda.gov/java/profile?symbol=FRVI)

Did you know? Indigenous peoples throughout parts of Canada picked and ate the savory fruit of this plant. Midwestern prairie and Great Lakes tribes, such as the Omaha, Hidatsa, Mandan, Dakota, Pawnee, Blackfoot, Cheyenne, and the Winnebago ate these strawberries raw, cooked or dried. The Winnebago and Blackfoot made a tea with an infusion of the young leaves of this plant. Also, plant attracts wildlife and butterflies.



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Phenological observation:
First Flower

Distribution Area:

