

Botanical Name: Duchesnea indica

Common Name: Indian mock strawberry

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape prostrate, trailing habit with small rosette clumps which  
send out runners that root -- runners have offsets

Height 3-6" (12") Spread 1-4' Growth Rate moderate-rapid

Environment:

Exposure outdoor best in partial sun, tolerates any exposure

Soil prefers moist loam, tolerates most

Hardiness hardy (zones 1-24) prefers cool habitats

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate, alternate, leaflets oval-ovate, dentate-crenate  
margins, bright green, leaves 2-4" long, leaflets 1" long

Flowers yellow, axillary, 1/2" diameter, solitary -- spring, summer

Fruit berry, red, edible, 1/2" across -- held above foliage

Propagation: seed, division

Usage: prostrate ground cover in sun or shade-- for foliage

texture and flowers- best for mild climate areas -- becomes invasive if well

watered -- good for tropical, forest landscapes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates brief drought

Fertilizing balanced in spring

Pruning head back terminal runners if needed to keep within bounds

Pests/Diseases relatively free -- may get mites in hot dry areas

Special Conditions

Origin: SE Asia Family: Rosaceae