

Botanical Name: Fragaria chiloensis

Common Name: Ornamental strawberry

Type of Plant: dicot; groundcover Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape low, prostrate, herbaceous plant, spreads horizontally by means of stolons with offsets to form a compact mat; foliage is glossy and dark green, showing reddish tones in cold weather

Height 6"-12" Spread 1' - 4' Growth Rate moderate

Environment:

Exposure outdoors full sun near coast, partial shade inland

Soil prefers sandy soils, tolerates well drained clay soils

Hardiness hardy (zones 4-24)

Morphology:

Leaves trifoliate, alternate, ovate-oval leaflets, strongly 3-toothed, 3/4" - 1-1/4" long, dark green, glossy above, bluish green beneath

Flowers white, 5 petaled, 3/4" - 1" across, axillary clusters; blooms spring through summer

Fruit fleshy berry (receptacle), bright red, 3/4" across

Propagation: offsets (division)

Usage: low groundcover for flower display and glossy foliage - useful in partial sun/full sun transition areas, raised planters, slopes

Landscape Care:

Watering prefers regular, tolerates some drought near coast

Fertilizing balanced in spring, iron for chlorosis

Pruning close to ground to encourage new growth (early spring)  
tip back runners if needed

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions

Origin: West coast of No. Am. Family: Rosaceae