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Fort Laramie Strawberry

Fragaria "Fort Laramie"

Fragaria "Fort Laramie" fruit
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Height: 6 inches

Spread: 18 inches

Sunlight: ○ ◐

Hardiness Zone: 3

Other Names: Edible Strawberry

Group/Class: Everbearing

Description:

An incredibly hardy everbearing strawberry that will produce loads of juicy bright red fruit all summer long; an ideal fruit for the strawberry patch, for the backyard fruit orchard, or even for use as a groundcover in the edible landscape

Ornamental Features:

Fort Laramie Strawberry features dainty white daisy flowers with yellow eyes along the stems from late spring to mid summer. It's tomentose round compound leaves remain green in color throughout the season. It features an abundance of magnificent scarlet berries from early to late summer, which are excellent for fresh eating, cooking and baking and making jams and jellies. This is a self-pollinating variety, so it doesn't require a second plant nearby to set fruit.

Landscape Attributes:

Fort Laramie Strawberry is an open herbaceous perennial with a ground-hugging habit of growth. Its relatively fine texture sets it apart from other garden plants with less refined foliage.

This is a high maintenance perennial that will require regular care and upkeep, and should not require much pruning, except when necessary, such as to remove dieback. It is a good choice for attracting birds and bees to your yard, but is not particularly attractive to deer who tend to leave it alone in favor of tastier treats. Gardeners should be aware of the following characteristic(s) that may warrant special consideration;

- Spreading

Fort Laramie Strawberry is recommended for the following landscape applications;

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- Groundcover
- Border Edging
- Orchard/Edible Landscaping
- General Garden Use
- Container Planting

Plant Characteristics:

Fort Laramie Strawberry will grow to be only 6 inches tall at maturity, with a spread of 18 inches. It grows at a fast rate, and under ideal conditions can be expected to live for approximately 10 years.

This perennial does best in full sun to partial shade. It does best in average to evenly moist conditions, but will not tolerate standing water. It is particular about its soil conditions, with a strong preference for rich, alkaline soils. It is somewhat tolerant of urban pollution. Consider applying a thick mulch around the root zone in both summer and winter to conserve soil moisture and protect it in exposed locations or colder zones. This plant can be propagated by division.

This particular variety is an interspecific hybrid.