

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



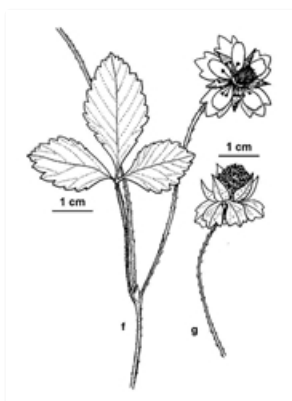
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Line drawings (as *Duchesnea indica*). Illustration: EM Mayfield, f. flowering shoot; g. fruit. National Herbarium of Victoria, © 2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Board.

Common name

Indian strawberry

Family

Rosaceae

Where found

Disturbed **forest**, roadsides, and moist sites. Ranges north from Kangaroo Valley. Sydney area and north. Canberra. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Introduced perennial herb to 0.3 m high, creeping, **spreading** by slender hairy **stolons** which root at the **nodes**. Fruit fleshy. Leaves basal, **alternating** along the stolons, **compound**, with 3 leaflets each 0.5–5 cm long, 7.5–25 mm wide, hairy to hairless, margins toothed. Flowers yellow, with 5 **petals** each 5–8 mm long, and 5 green **sepals** each 6–10 mm long. Fruit turning red at maturity, 10–15 mm long. Fruit edible but insipid. Flowering: mostly spring to summer.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Potentilla~indica> (accessed 3 February, 2021)

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