



Waldsteinia fragarioides Barren Strawberry

A low growing native that can be used as a groundcover and looks great when combined with white wood aster, great merrybells, wild geranium or sedges.

This carefree semi-evergreen sports strawberry-like foliage, but is not a strawberry and does not bear fruit. Tolerating part shade and a wide variety of well-drained soil types, it spreads slowly to form a 3"-6" mat.

Plant perennials now!

Perennials need time to get their roots established so they are well 'anchored' and resist heaving out of the soil during the winter. Now that August has arrived and nights are cooler, get started planting your perennials asap. They will have about 6 to 8 weeks to put on root growth until they go dormant for the season. Perhaps a little extra water on the few remaining hot days may be needed, but overall the plant is better off getting in the ground sooner rather than later.

How to Help Pollinators

Butterflies need water! You can create a butterfly puddling area with a shallow pan of sand and water, or a depression in your garden. Keep the sand or soil moist so the butterflies can extract minerals and water.

