**Common Name:** Beach Strawberry  
**Latin Name:** Fragaria chiloensis

**Plant Type:** Groundcover  
**Medium biodiversity value supporting birds and butterflies and moths:** 58+ species

**Description:** Beach Strawberry is one of the two species of strawberry that is hybridized to create the modern garden strawberry. It is noted for its large berries. Its natural range is the Pacific Ocean coasts of North and South America, and also Hawaii. Migratory birds are thought to have dispersed it from the Pacific coast of North America to the mountains of Hawaii, Chile, and Argentina. In California, it is found in the immediate vicinity of the coast from San Luis Obispo County north. It is an evergreen plant growing to 15-30 centimeters (5.9-12 inches) tall, with glossy green leaves, each leaflet around 5 centimeters (2.0 inches) long. The flowers are white, produced in spring and early summer. The fruit is edible, red on the surface, white inside.

**Size:** Groundcover .5”-1’ tall  
**Area to plant:** Part shade or full sun  
**Soil:** Prefers sandy soils  
**Soil PH:** 5.6 - 6.3  
**Water:** Low water  
**Interesting feature:**  
- The fruit is attractive to birds  
- Drought tolerant  
- Fire resistant

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