



***Duchesnea indica*** (Andrews) Th.Wolf

**Family:** Rosaceae

**Common names:** Wild strawberry or false  
strawberry.



**Description:**

*Duchesnea Indica* is found in temperate and subtropical Himalayas from the Indus to Assam up to 8,000 feet. It is a perennial herb, having prostrate stems, with silky hairs on the stem; runners, growing all around and forming roots wherever the tip touches the ground. Leaves are stipulate, trifoliate, 2.8 cm long and lateral leaflets, 2.4 cm long. Flowers born solitary terminal and solitary axillary, pedicellate and yellow in colour. Fruit is an etaerio of achenes which are embedded in the surface of the fleshy receptacle almost globose and red in colour. Seeds are numerous and minute.

**Utilization:**

The small fruits are mostly eaten by children. However they are not very sweet in taste. It is also grown as an ornamental plant. A poultice of the crushed leaves is used to treat skin ailments such as eczema (O'Brien,2006).

Part	Uses
Plant Extract	Anti-inflammatory

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