What Does this Species Look Like?

Size: Flowers are ³/₄ of an inch; leaflet is 1-1 ¹/₂ inches

Color: White flowers, dark bluish-

green foliage

General: Flowers have 5 white petals, egg-shaped leaves are toothed

Usually Found: Fields, meadows, lawns, roadsides, along streams



Did You Know?

- Wild strawberries (*Fragaria virginiana*) are creeping plants that grow sideways.
- The plants' white flowers bloom from April to June.
- Wild strawberries are smaller than store-bought berries, but are just as delicious!
- The fruit of the plant provides food for many animals including birds, rabbits, and deer.
- Bees, flies, ants, and butterflies all benefit from the pollen and nectar found in the white flowers of wild strawberries.

What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- The first time flowers are seen on the plant
- The first time fruit is seen on the plant

Want to Find Out More?

Contact Diane Husic, Audubon *TogetherGreen* Fellow, phenology@lgnc.org

Why Collect this Data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this plant is impacted by environmental changes.

How Do I Report this Data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:

http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/ or sent to phenology@lgnc.org

What is Phenology? According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of "recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds."

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