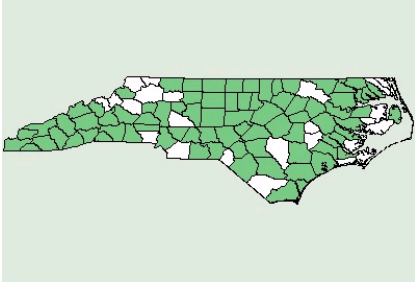


STRAWBERRY BUSH

Euonymus americana

A unique plant that will reward you with a colorful fall display of strawberry-shaped fruit. Also called bursting-heart burning bush and hearts-a-busting bush.



Description: A deciduous upright shrub with green foliage that persists until late autumn. Insignificant summer flowers give way to bumpy, raspberry-red pods that hang on the ends of stems and split open to reveal small, smooth, red seeds.

Natural Habitat: Native to eastern US westward to Missouri and Oklahoma. In NC, generally found in low sandy woods along streams.

Conservation Status: Endangered in New York and Illinois.

Size: 4-6' tall feet, 6-8' spread.

Growth Rate: Moderate.

Light: Sun to part shade.

Planting and Care: Adaptable to most soil types. Give it room to spread. Fertilize lightly.

Ornamental Value: Vivid colored fall display of fruit.

Landscape Usage: Shrub border, foundation planting.

Wildlife Benefits: Birds and small mammals eat the fruit.