

Strawberry Bush

Euonymus americanus Linnaeus



The strawberry bush is a shrub native to eastern North America. It prefers to grow in riparian areas and stream valleys. It has an open growth habit. The leaves are deciduous, but the twigs are a bright green in the winter landscape. The fruit in the fall is striking. Bright pinkish-red, rough-textured capsules spread open to reveal red berry-like fruits.

Keep this plant as far away from horticultural *Euonymus* species as possible (such as *E. fortunei* or *E. alata*), because of the *Euonymus* scale, a severe pest. This species is hardy through zone 5. It is shade-tolerant.

Cultivation

The strawberry bush is easy to grow. It will thrive in most normal soils, but should be watered during times of severe drought. It will grow well in fairly heavy shade to light shade. If grown in full sun, it needs an ample supply of moisture

Seed propagation requires double stratification: one month warm, followed by 2-3 months cold. The cold stratification can easily be accomplished by planting the seed in fall or early winter, preferably under two or more inches of humus.

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