

The fleshy petals are used in curries and soups in the Indian Archipelago, where this tree is native. The leaves and young shoots are sometimes used as fodder. In this country, the far South is the only region suited to this ornamental tree.

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**54929 to 54958. FRAGARIA spp. Rosaceæ. Strawberry.**

From Bourg la Reine, France. Plants purchased from Millet & Fils. Received March 28, 1922. Quoted notes from catalogue of Millet & Fils, unless otherwise stated.

"American strawberry breeders are interested in securing from all parts of the world wild species of *Fragaria*, as well as hybrids and horticultural varieties. The present collection has been introduced at the recommendation of George M. Darrow, of this department, with a view principally to furnishing material for use in the strawberry-breeding work now being conducted by the Department of Agriculture.

"In the development of European strawberries, at least four species have taken part. Prior to 1714, when the large-fruited *Fragaria chiloensis* was introduced into France from Chile, European horticulturists had to content themselves with the small-fruited native strawberries, *F. vesca* (wood strawberry) and *F. elatior* or *F. moschata* (the hautbois), to which was added, shortly after 1600, the American species, *F. virginiana*. These three were intercrossed and gave rise to numerous horticultural forms, which were in turn crossed with the Chilean species. The specific ancestry of many of the cultivated forms is now somewhat obscure and they are here listed as *Fragaria* spp." (*Wilson Popenoe*.)

The following everbearing varieties:

**54929 to 54944. FRAGARIA spp. Hybrid strawberry.**

54929. FRAGARIA sp.

"*Cyrano de Bergerac*. Derived from *St. Joseph*."

54930. FRAGARIA sp.

"*Jeanne d'Arc*. Resembling *St. Joseph*, but more vigorous and with larger fruits." (*Robinson, Vegetable Garden, p. 702.*)

54931. FRAGARIA sp.

"*La Constante*. This is a synonym of *St. Joseph*."

54932. FRAGARIA sp.

"*La Perle*. A variety of the highest merit with large pink fruits."

54933. FRAGARIA sp.

"*La Productive*. A cross between *St. Joseph* and *Edward Lefort*; plants vigorous, tall; fruits large, oblong, bright red, with very juicy and very sweet pink flesh. It is an everbearing variety, flowering very early in the spring." (*Robinson, Vegetable Garden, p. 703.*)

54934. FRAGARIA sp.

"*Louis Rossignol*. An improved form of *St. Joseph*."

54935. FRAGARIA sp.

"*Odette*. An everbearing variety with long fruits of very good quality."

54936. FRAGARIA sp.

"*St. Antoine de Padoue*. A much more vigorous variety than *St. Joseph*, the result of a cross between that variety and *Royal Sovereign*. The large, conical fruits with very sweet, juicy flesh are borne until the end of July, then again in September and October." (*Robinson, Vegetable Garden, p. 703.*)

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