Cinquefoil (several types are common)

Potentilla spp.

Life cycle: Herbaceous perennial.

Leaves: Arranged alternately, palmately compound with 5-7 leaflets.

Stems: Can be erect and 1 to 3 feet tall (rough and sulfur cinquefoil), or prostrate (silvery cinquefoil).

Flowers and fruit: Flowers have five yellow petals and bloom in May and June.

Reproduction: Plants spread laterally by rhizomes and by seed.



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Similar weeds Several cinquefoil species are present in blueberries and have distinctly different growth habits. Wild strawberry is similar but with white flowers.