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Department of
Indigenous
Learning

The Mode of Delivery has Changed for the Following Course:

INDI-2713-WDE:

Critical Approaches to Health and Well-Being

is now offered on zoom for Winter 2026

Time: Thursdays, 11:30 am to 2:30pm

Instructor: Dr. Andrew Judge



Wild Strawberries

Picture taken by A. Judge

Course Description: In much of the western world, biomedicine has emerged as the dominant, or officially, legitimized health-care system. In the process, Indigenous ways of providing for the health and well-being of Indigenous Peoples have been not only marginalized but devalued and undermined, leading some scholars to conclude that biomedicine has become part and parcel of the "pathologizing colonial discourse" of the western world. Topics of discussion include diagnosis and treatment of disease, access to health-care providers, language and the transmission of information, knowledge hierarchies, and the ethnocentric basis of western science.