

2016 October *Guess that Plant*



Paspalum laeve Michx., Smooth or Field Paspalum

The October *Guess that Plant* is smooth or field paspalum. This plant is a common associate in moist hay fields, roadsides and other open landscapes. It's a native grass common on the Coastal Plain, and less so northward. This plant is well represented in the flora's of the southwestern New Jersey Counties, and along the Atlantic Coastal edge. Mary Hough (1983) identifies specimens collected from every county except Somerset, Morris and Union. The plant's tall stature with smooth or hairless stems and leaves are initial clues to this species identification.

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