

2017 March *Guess that Plant*



Quercus velutina Lam., Black Oak

The March *Guess that Plant* was *Quercus velutina*, Black Oak. The photo providing the clue showed a large, square, hairy bud that is characteristic of black oak, and one of the best field indicators of the species during the dormant seasons. Note the bud's distinct imbricate scales, the bud size and side angles. These and the pubescence are clues to its species. Black oak is found Statewide in uplands on well drained soils and is usually in the company of other upland oak species.

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