

## 2017 August *Guess that Plant*



*Polygala brevifolia* Nutt. Little Leaf Milkwort

The August *Guess that Plant* was *Polygala brevifolia*. The little leaf milkwort is a Pine Barrens species, often found on bog edges, savannas and old moist, acidic sandy conditions. It differs from a similar species, *Polygala cruciata* by the size of the stem leaves as well as the position of the flowering raceme. *Polygala brevifolia* flowers are usually elevated on a distinct peduncle, whereas its similar cousin's raceme is nearly sessile. The August *Guess that Plant* flowers from July to September and should still be visible where its habitat exists.

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