

## 2018 April *Guess that Plant*



*Eleocharis tenuis* (Willd.) Schultes Slender Spike Rush

The April *Guess that Plant* was a photo of one of New Jersey's most common spike rushes, the slender spike rush. The species is found Statewide. It is a wetland sedge species, with a facultative wetland designation. This sedge prefers open wet habitats, but is also found under sparse wetland tree canopies. *Eleocharis tenuis* is differentiated from other *Eleocharis* species but extremely narrow (1 mm or less), angled culms (4-5 edges) and the small, reticulate achene with a depressed tubercle.

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