

## August 2013 Guess that Plant



*Ludwigia alternifolia* L.

The August Guess that Plant was the common seedbox, *Ludwigia alternifolia*. This is a wide spread, native, wetland species. The photo shows the four petal yellow flowers subtended by the large leafy bracts that are typical for the species. It is found in all New Jersey counties and can be expected in open moist swales, meadows, fields and roadsides. The USFWS ranks the plant as a FACW wetland species. It has a characteristic square seed capsule which dispenses the fine seed when rattled by the wind. This seed capsule is one of the best features to use to identify the plant in the fall and winter once the plant has gone dormant.

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