

September 2013 Guess that Plant



Arisaema triphyllum (L.) Schott

Jack-in-the-pulpit

The September Guess that Plant was the common Jack-in-the-pulpit. It was selected to add a fall seed observation for the plant that is often overlooked. These bright red fruits are borne on the flowering scape in August and September, before they are dispersed by fall migrating birds such as thrushes and robins. The plant slowly "melts" into the background as the season dwindles into winter and disappearing completely by mid-November. The new spring growth reappears in April and the seasonal display begins anew.

Take a hike this weekend in a rich woodlands and this sight should still be visible, providing the last of the identifiable characters for this interesting Arum family member.

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