

2014 April *Guess that Plant*



Dwarf Dandelion, *Krigia virginica* (L.) Willd.

The April *Guess That Plant* was dwarf dandelion, *Krigia virginica*. The diminutive, early composite appears as soon as the soil warms sufficient to germinate the seeds of this native annual. *Krigia virginica* is a member of the daisy family, the Asteraceae, formerly the Compositae. The species was assigned by Fernald (1950) to the sub-genus *Eukrigia* suggesting a base lineage or true expression within the genus *Krigia*. Plant's achene and pappus provide a wind transport that spreads the plant to xeric, open sands that are found on glacial outwash soils of northeastern New Jersey counties as well as the Coastal Plain upland sands.

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