

## 2015 April *Guess that Plant*



*Trifolium hybridum* L., Alsike Clover

The April *Guess that Plant* is a clover that unless you are really looking, may fool a novice that they are looking at white clover, *Trifolium repens*. The subtle difference is the pink cast seen on all flowers. It also has a more upright habit when mowing is infrequent.

The species exist throughout the State in dry to moist open fields and roadsides. Mary Hough (1983) shows the plant in all counties with the exception of Monmouth, Ocean, Gloucester, Salem and Cumberland. I can personally attest the species is in Gloucester, Salem, Cumberland counties. A brief survey of roadsides in Monmouth and Ocean will no doubt place this species in all of New Jersey's counties.

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