

2019 January *Guess that Plant*



Juncus pelocarpus E. May.; Brownfruit Rush (arrow=close view)

The January *Guess that Plant* was an obligate wetland rush found in New Jersey's acidic wetlands, from High Point to Cape May. *Juncus pelocarpus* is a diminutive rush common on our Outer Coastal Plain sandy lakeshores, rivers, and emergent wetland habitats. Mary Hough (1983) and USDA Plants Database maps the plant throughout the southern coastal plain, and Middlesex, Morris and Sussex counties. The plant is often associated with nutrient poor waters, and is a common sight on the Pine Barrens river and lake shores. The photo above was taken in a floristically rich Malaga lakeside along with other native aquatic species.

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