

## 2019 August *Guess that Plant*



*Helianthemum canadense* (L.) Michx., Frostweed

The August *Guess that Plant* was a late view of our common frostweed. The photo selected was tricky, as it posed a view similar to the Pine Barren or low frostweed, *Helianthemum propinquum*. The identifying character is the number of cleistogamous flowers visible in each leaf axil. Our *Guess that Plant* species has 1-few flowered clusters of late season apetalous flowers, whereas the Pine Barren frostweed has clusters of 2 to 15. Early petaliferous flowers of *Helianthemum canadense* are solitary, whereas there are 2-15 on the Pine Barren frostweed.

The common frostweed is a member of the Rockrose Family, the Cistaceae. The species is found Statewide on sandy, drought prone soils. It is especially common on the Outer Coastal Plain and can be found in close proximity to the Pine Barren frostweed within the heart of the Pine Barrens.

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