

2020 May *Guess that Plant*



Chrysosplenium americanum Schwein., Golden Saxifrage

The May 2020 *Guess that Plant* is a diminutive and often overlooked plant found on stream banks, seeps and springs. Golden saxifrage is found throughout New Jersey outside the Pine Barrens. It is an indicator of persistent groundwater, and has an obligate wetland indicator status. The plant is a member of the Saxifragaceae, the saxifrage family. There are no other golden saxifrage species in New Jersey. There are five additional North American species within the genus, but all other species are western or northern species.

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