

2020 December *Guess that Plant*



Vernonia noveboracensis (L.) Michx., New York Ironweed

The December 2020 *Guess that Plant* was the native composite named New York ironweed. This species a wetland perennial that is found in wetland pastures, wet old fields, and lakeshores. The photo above captures ironweed on the non-tidal shoreline above the Mullica River at Crowley's Landing, Burlington County. Mary Hough (1983) maps our *Guess that Plant* in all counties with the exception of Atlantic and Cumberland. Personal observations I have made show the species exists in both un-vouchered counties.

New York Ironweed flowers in late summer into autumn. It can grow up to 1.5 meters tall, and is differentiated from our only other ironweed, *V. glauca*. Our December *Guess that Plant* is differentiated from *Vernonia glauca* by its underside of the leaves that are whitened, its paler purple flower, and it grow only in upland habitats.

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