

2016 March *Guess that Plant*



Veronica persica Poir., Birdeye Speedwell

The March *Guess that Plant* was Birdeye Speedwell, a non-native that has been long established in New Jersey. The plant's distinct deep, clear blue colored petals, regular crenate leaves and upright habit are clues to its identification. This particular plant was seen in Marlton, Burlington County. Mary Hough (1983) describes specimens from most counties south of the glaciated northern counties.

The plant is a facultative species (FAC), and can be found in lawns, wood edges and roadsides. It prefers richer soils and is often found in gardens and residential landscape.

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