

2021 April *Guess that Plant*



Amaranthus cannabinus (L.) Saur., Tidal-marsh amaranth, water hemp

The April *Guess that Plant* is a common community member on New Jersey's native freshwater tidal marshes. The water hemp or tidal-marsh amaranth is a common species in the tidal waters of the Delaware River, Delaware Bay tributaries, and the freshwater components to Atlantic Ocean draining rivers and stream. The species is an annual member of the Amaranthaceae that can attain impressive size in nutrient enriched waters, specifically in the upper Delaware River system. It is not uncommon to see 6-8 foot (~2-3m) plants intermixed with wild rice and great ragweed. The species flowers mid-summer and is in fruit by late August and early September.

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