

## 2021 June *Guess that Plant*



*Myosurus minimus* L. Tiny Mousetail

The June *Guess that Plant* is a new species for the state. Its common name, tiny mousetail, says it all. This is a tiny member of the buttercup family that was first observed in New Jersey earlier this spring in the vicinity of Mullica Hill, Gloucester County. The plant is native of vernal pools and moist areas, where it common throughout the Southeast United States. Our population was discovered in a wetland farm field, near the edge of an abandoned pasture, now a young wooded wetland. The presence of this tiny new plant is a reminder we should always be on the lookout for the new and the unusual, especially in open and disturbed habitats. The photo for this month was taken in Gloucester County.

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