

2022 January *Guess that Plant*



Lonicera sempervirens L., Trumpet or Coral Honeysuckle

The January *Guess that Plant* is one of New Jersey more showy and colorful native vines. The Trumpet or coral honeysuckle is a member of the Caprifoliaceae, the honeysuckle family. It is distinguished from the common Japanese honeysuckle by its brilliant orange tubular flowers as well as the upper stem leaves. The leaves that subtend the flowering cluster are connate and differ from the sessile lower stem leaves.

Our species of the month is found statewide. Mary Hough (1983) cites all counties sans Morris, Camden, and Atlantic with herbarium vouchers. I do not have enough experience in Morris county to determine its presence, but I can state it was present in the on roadsides in the Smithville and Oceanville, Atlantic County, as well as near Lake Runnemedede, Camden County. This species flowers in late spring into early summer. Expect to see the vivid colors anywhere there is a stable dry to moist roadside or thicket habitat where vines occur.

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