

2022 June *Guess that Plant*



Oxalis stricta L., Common Yellow Wood Sorrel

June's *Guess that Plant* was a native, annual herb, classified within the Wood Sorrel family, Oxalidaceae. Common yellow wood sorrel is found State-wide in uplands on waste ground, roadsides opening within woodlands and pastures. The plant is introduced into the Pinelands around home sites and disturbed landscapes. This plant and its similar relatives have small quantities of oxalic acid that provide a tart flavor when eaten. The entire plant is edible, but consumption of too much oxalic acid can be slightly toxic to some people and horses.

Fernald (1950) describes common wood sorrel as a plant with a tap root and no stolons or rhizomes. The plant will be visible through the end of the summer, but its flowering occurs April through October.

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