

2023 March *Guess that Plant*



Hypoxis hirsuta (L.) Coville, Yellow Stargrass, Common goldstar

March's *Guess that Plant* was yellow stargrass. This species is described as a member of the Lily family, Lilaceae although it formerly has been placed in the Amarylidaceae and in its own family, the Hypoxidaceae. There are many species in this genus, most in the Southern Hemisphere, South Africa and Australia. New Jersey supports only one species. The stargrass occupies dry sandy upland open woodlands specifically throughout Northern New Jersey and the Inner Coastal Plain. It is absent the Pine Barrens. It flowers in April through July, often accompanying our native woodland violets and sedges.

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