

2023 July *Guess that Plant*



Hemerocallis fulva (L.) L., Orange Daylily

The common road side perennial, orange day lily, provides the species for July's *Guess that Plant*. Daylily was introduced from Asia into Europe, and from Europe into North America in the 17th century as a garden plant (FNA, Vol. 26). The plant has escaped cultivation across much of the United States. This plant is self-sterile triploid, and is spread only by rhizome. Anyone familiar with driving New Jersey's back road can attest to its wide spread distribution. The lily is present in every New Jersey county, found often as an upland roadside plant or around abandoned homes. This species is a member of the Liliaceae, although some authorities include this genus in its own family. Daylily flower's last only one day, hence its name. It flowers from late spring into summer.

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