October 2026 Guess that Plant

Antennaria neglecta Greene, Field Pussytoes

The October *Guess that Plant* is field pussytoes, one of the members of the genus *Antennaria*. This genus defines plants within the composite family Asteraceae. All pussytoes are upland species and each is found on dry fields, open woods and road sides. Our monthly *Guess that Plant* is found Statewide.

Depending on the current nomenclature, *Antennaria* in New Jersey is either represented by two species with multiple varieties (*Antennaria neglecta, A. plantaginifolia*), or four species and their varieties (*Antennaria howellii, A. neglecta, A. parlinii, and A. plantaginifolia*). Our monthly species is similar to *Antennaria parlinii* but has thinner stolons, obscure leaf veins, and a shorter stature. *Antennaria parlinii* is known for the northern counties, while the monthly species was identified in the southern 1/2 of the state.

Moerman (1998) cites multiple medical uses for member of the genus, including analgesic, gynecological aids, and gastrointestinal aids. Our plant flowers in late spring yet the basal leaves and reduced rosettes may still be visible.

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