

WEED OF THE WEEK

CUSCUTA GRONOVII



Photos from Weeds of the Cranberry Marsh.

life cycle / growth habit:
annual parasitic vine



vine detail

root:
N/A



vining habit

stem:

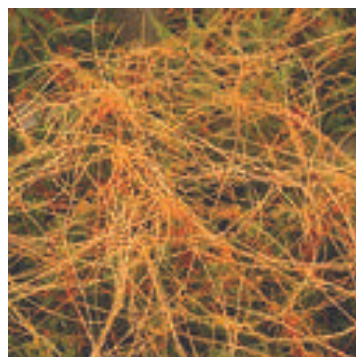
yellow to orange, twining over and attaching to host plant with pad-like haustoria, which pull nutrients from host

leaf:

none, unable to photosynthesize significantly

flower:

white to yellowish, 1/8 in. across, with five petals; blooms July–October



twining in
cranberry bed

fruit/seed:
N/A

habitat:

moist meadows and thickets, attacking a variety of host plants including cranberry