

**A COLLECTION OF *SOLIDAGO RUPESTRIS* (ASTERACEAE: ASTEREAE)  
FROM MINERAL CO., WEST VIRGINIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

A collection of *Solidago rupestris* first thought to be from western Maryland and mapped for that state was determined to be from adjacent Mineral Co., West Virginia. This is the first collection from West Virginia seen by the authors.

*Solidago rupestris* Raf. (Asteraceae: Astereae) was listed as occurring in Indiana, Kentucky, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia in Flora North America (Semple & Cook 2006). A collection borrowed from NY (Thiers continuously updated) and examined as part of the first author's research on the genus has an N.Y.B.G. herbarium label with a hand-written identification to species and the following location and collector information in cursive script: "Cumberland. Md. Devil Slide, Howard Shriver [sic] s.n. 1894" — it is most likely a collection made by Howard Shriver. Cumberland is in Allegany Co., Maryland, just north of the Potomac River, and this was the location mapped for the distribution range map posted online by Semple (2016 frequently updated).

In January 2017 when the second author requested location information to update distributions in the Rare, Threatened, and Endangered Plants of Maryland (Maryland Natural Heritage Program 2016), data on three Maryland locations were sent and an email exchange followed regarding the *Shriver s.n.* collection that included a correction to the collector name, which had been transcribed incorrectly. Subsequently, it was discovered in a Google search that Devil's Slide was located on the south side of the river, which put the collection in Mineral Co., West Virginia, according to the 21 April 1893 Railroad Gazette report (vol. 25, p. 309), on railroad construction about 1 mile south of Cumberland. Howard Shriver (1824-1901), a local school teacher with a keen interest in botany, collected extensively in the vicinity of Cumberland in the 1890s but the location information on specimens that were frequently stamped "near Cumberland" is vague about which state. This particular collection was from the West Virginia side of the river although the label has "Md." Correct data for the Shriver collection are **West Virginia**. Mineral Co.: Cumberland, Devil's Slide, 1894, *Howard Shriver s.n.* (NY; Fig. 1).

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Figure 1. *Solidago rupestris* from Devil's Slide, Mineral Co., West Virginia: H. Schriver s.n. (NY).

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