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Cyperus difformis L. (CYPERACEAE).—Amelia County, southeast corner of Amelia Wildlife Management Area, along Rt. 616, 0.8 miles west of Mason's Corner, roadside mudpuddle, 28 September 1987, *Hayden 1986* (URV); 18 September 1988, *Hayden 2215* (URV); 9 October 1988, *Hayden 2237* (URV).

Significance. The above collections represent the second record for the state of Virginia, and may well establish the northernmost station for the species in the eastern United States. According to B.L. Lipscomb (*Sida* 8:320-327. 1980), this Old World weed is spreading throughout the warmer regions of North America. The only previous record of the species from the state is a Fernald specimen from Owl Creek in Virginia Beach. R.W. Tyndall, who found the species in northeastern North Carolina, was unable in 1978 to locate the plant at Fernald's Virginia Beach locality (*Castanea* 48:277-280. 1983). The Amelia County plants occur in two red clay mudpuddles where they withstand periodic disturbance from vehicular traffic.

Draba brachycarpa Nuttall (BRASSICACEAE).—Richmond City, along Henrico County line, near the Ridgetop Athletic Association, open field west of Three Chopt Road between Bandy and Everview Roads, 25 March 1988, *Sullivan 11* (URV); 27 April 1988, *Hayden 2059* (URV).

Significance. These are the first records from the Richmond/Henrico County area. According to Harvill et al (*Atlas of the Virginia Flora*, Ed. 2, Virginia Botanical Associates, 1986) previous records for the state are several counties removed from Richmond, the nearest stations being in Nelson and Campbell counties to the west, and Southampton, Brunswick, and Mecklenburg counties to the south. The plants are abundant, and occur in aggregates scattered across the lawn of a much used recreation field, a situation reminiscent of Fernald's record for the species in the Southampton County courthouse lawn (*Rhodora* 43:553. 1941).

Eryngium prostratum DC. (APIACEAE).—Henrico County, southeast portion of county, along Crewes Channel ca 0.25 miles north of Route 156 adjacent to the southwest corner of the Malvern Hill unit of Richmond National Battlefield Park, 29 August 1987, *Hayden 1981* (URV).

Significance. This is the first record for the species in Henrico County and represents a small eastward extension of its known range in the state, having been recorded recently from nearby Chesterfield County (W.J. Hayden, *Castanea* 50:266-267. 1985). Two small clumps were found in full sun at the water's edge on opposite sides of the small watercourse.—W. JOHN HAYDEN, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, UNIVERSITY OF RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23173.