

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



Seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographers RG & FJ Richardson, Bannockburn, Vic



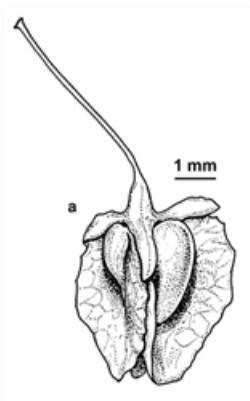
Leaf, stem, and young seed cases. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer Murray Fagg, near Gundaroo north of Canberra



Plant. Photographer Don Wood, north of Milton



Young plant. Australian Plant Image Index, photographer RCH Shepherd, Shelford, Vic



Line drawing. a, seed case M Moir, National Herbarium of Victoria, ©2021 Royal Botanic Gardens Victoria

Common name

Curled dock

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Grassy areas, damp disturbed sites, roadsides, gardens, and near streams. Widespread.

Notes

Introduced **perennial** herb to 1.5 m tall. Stems hairless, smooth or slightly ribbed. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems. Basal

leaves 3-60 cm long, 10-100 mm wide, stem leaves smaller. Leaves with a **sheath** at the base of the stalk, hairless, margins finely curled, usually also wavy, tips pointed. Flowers small, with 6 '**petals**', whitish to green, becoming reddish-brown as the seed cases mature. Flowers in many-flowered **whorls** close together on the stems. Flowers mostly Spring to Summer. Seed cases with a broadly oval to almost round '**wing**'.

The commonest **introduced** *Rumex* in Australia.

Can hybridise with *Rumex obtusifolius*.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rumex~crispus> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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