

Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



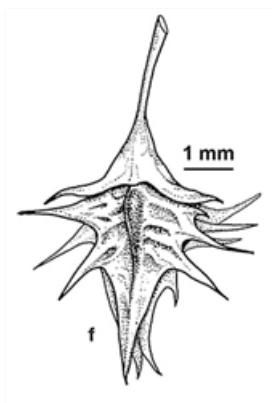
Seed cases. Photographer Russell Best, near Sunbury, Vic



Flowering plants. Photographer Michael Bedingfield, paddock east of Murrumbidgee River, ACT



Drying plant. Photographer Richard Hartland, Laverton, Vic



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Common name

Wiry dock

Family

Polygonaceae

Where found

Woodland, **mallee**, grassy areas, and moist sites. ACT. Tablelands south of the Hume Highway. Occasionally elsewhere.

Notes

Perennial herb to 0.5 m high, with many entangled branches, the plant breaking off near the base when dry and dispersing as a tumbleweed. Leaves with a **sheath** at the base of the stalk, margins usually irregularly wavy and finely curled. Basal leaves 7–20 cm long, 8–25 mm wide. Stem leaves within the flower **whorls**, similar to the basal leaves but smaller, soon withering. Flowers small, with 6 **'petals'**, in whorls of 2–5-flowers, the whorls mostly 2–8 cm apart. Flowers Sep.–Jan. Seed cases triangular, the surfaces with a prominent network, margins with 2–3 stiff teeth toward the base.

All native plants on unleased land in the ACT are protected.

PlantNET description: <http://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvl=sp&name=Rumex~dumosus> (accessed 5 February, 2021)

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