

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



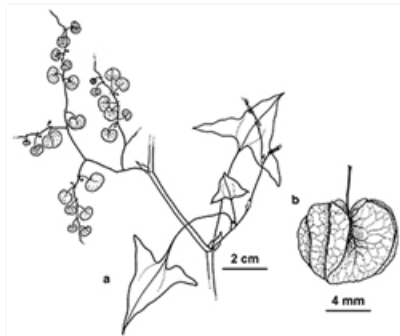
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## Common name

Rambling dock, Turkey rhubarb

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

Urban bushland, **shrubland**, roadsides, disturbed sites, hind dunes, gullies, and near streams. Coast and ranges north of Bermagui. Occasionally tablelands. Doubtfully **naturalised** ACT.

## Notes

**Introduced perennial** climber, stems up to 5m long. The stems usually arise each year from an underground **tuber**. Stems somewhat fleshy, hairless, ribbed. Leaves **alternating** up the stems, 2-10 cm long, 10-70 mm wide, arrow-shaped to triangular, somewhat fleshy, with a **sheath** at the base of the stalk. Flowers usually bisexual, occasionally female. Flowers small, green or purplish, with 3 '**sepals**' about 1 mm long, and 3 '**petals**' about 1 mm long. Flowers in few-flowered **whorls** forming large, loose, multi-branched clusters up to 30 cm long. Seed cases with three papery **wings**, pinkish red or purplish, often mistaken for flowers, turning light brown to straw-coloured as they mature. Flowers Spring to Autumn.

General Biosecurity Duty all NSW.

PlantNET description: <https://plantnet.rbgsyd.nsw.gov.au/cgi-bin/NSWfl.pl?page=nswfl&lvi=sp&name=Rumex~sagittatus> (accessed 20 April 2021)

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