

# Plants of South Eastern New South Wales



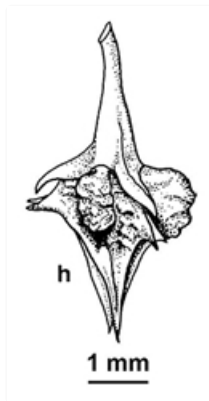
Seed cases on stem. Photographer Tony Rodd, Warkworth, west of Singleton



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## Common name

Shiny dock, Narrow-leaf dock

## Family

Polygonaceae

## Where found

**Woodland**, grassy areas, disturbed sites, lake shores, and other moist sites. Sydney area and north. ACT. Occasionally tablelands and the Western Slopes.

## Notes

**Perennial** herb to 0.50 m tall. Leaves basal and **alternating** up the stems, with a **sheath** at the base of the stalk, hairless, margins flat to tightly wavy, tips pointed. Basal leaves 8-16 cm long, about 3-5 mm wide, upper leaves smaller, very narrow. Flowers small, with 6 '**petals**', in **whorls** of 12 to many flowers, the whorls mostly 1-5 cm apart. Seed cases with 1-2 pairs of straight to curved teeth on each side. Flowers sporadically all year.

Hybridizes with **Rumex brownii**.

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~tenax> (accessed 4 February, 2021)

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