

Rumex crispus

COMMON NAME

curled dock

FAMILY

Polygonaceae

AUTHORITY

Rumex crispus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Dicotyledons other than Composites

NVS CODE

RUMCRI

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

SIMILAR TAXA

Perennial with large, yellow, somewhat branched taproot, reproducing by seed. Stems smooth, erect 0.3 to 1.2 m tall, single or in groups from the root crown. Leaves mostly basal, smooth, 15 to 30 cm long, lanceolate, with wavy curled edges. Upper leaves alternate, the base of the short petiole having a papery sheath surrounding the stem. Flowers in dense clusters on branches at tip of stem, without petals, small, greenish, becoming reddish-brown at maturity. (Wax, Fawcett and Isely 1981).

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Green

YEAR NATURALISED

1832

ORIGIN

Europe, N. Africa, W. Asia

ETYMOLOGY

rumex: Sorrel

Reproduction

seed

Seed

Seeds brown, shiny, triangular, and sharp-edged, surrounded with 3 heart shaped bracts with smooth edges. greenish, becoming reddish-brown at maturity.

MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/rumex-crispus/>



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