



Very Common



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Native



Introduced

# Rumex (Docks & Sorrels)

## Common Sorrel (*Rumex acetosa*)



Flowers red, arranged in relatively **dense spikes**

Slender plant, can grow up to 80cm.



Basal lobes of leaves **parallel, clasping** around the stem.

## Sheep's Sorrel (*Rumex acetosella*)



Flowers red, arranged in relatively **loose spaced spikes**

Slender plant, can grow up to 80cm.



Leaves do **not** clasp around stem

Basal lobes of leaves **divergent**.

## Broad Leaved Dock (*Rumex obtusifolius*)



Flower greenish, seed heads a distinctive rust red colour.

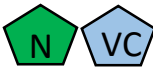
**Robust** plant, can grow up to 120cm.



Fruiting sepals with **one well developed tubercle** and **two minor tubercles either side**.

Leaves large and broad, oval, with little or no waving at edges.

## Curled Dock (*Rumex crispus*)



Flowers arranged in relatively loose spaced spikes.

**Tall** plant, can grow up to 200cm.

**Similar species** (*Rumex hydrolapathum*) – similar but occurs in wet habitats and has long leaves (40-65cm) with **less wavy margins**.

Tubercles generally **all well developed**.

Leaves **lanceolate** with **heavily waved edges**

## Clustered Dock (*Rumex conglomeratus*)



Flowers arranged in **whorls around the stem**.

Slender plant growing up to 80cm.

**Similar species** (*Rumex sanguineus*) – similar but has **leafless panicle branches** and only **one fruiting sepal** with a well developed tubercle.

All **three** fruiting sepals with **well developed tubercles**

Leaves **lanceolate** with **slight waving** at edges.