

Curly dock

Rumex crispus L.

Family: Polygonaceae (Smartweed family)

Life cycle: Perennial, reproducing by seed

Habitat: Pastures, roadsides, low maintenance turf, waste areas

General description: Basal rosette of elongated leaves (up to 12 in long) with wavy margins. Flowering stem has a few leaves and reaches heights of 3 ft. Flowers have green sepals; mature into brown, 3-sided winged structure surrounding the achene.

Key ID traits: Rosette of wavy, elongated leaves. Flower stalk with clusters of winged achenes. Achenes turn dark brown when mature.

Miscellaneous: Commonly called sour dock.



Ochrea of curly dock

