

# Curly dock

*Rumex crispus*

**SOMEWHAT INVASIVE – established in the region**

Invasive habitat: grows in partial shade to full sun in fields, roadsides, wet meadows, shorelines, ditches, and similar wet and disturbed sites.

Native range: Europe



*Common in the Arrowhead in areas such as roadsides*



## IDENTIFICATION



Growth form: herbaceous perennial that grows to be 1-5' tall. Stems are smooth and ribbed, and turn red with age.



Flowers: green flowers grow in clusters along 6-18" long branches. Flowers are either male or female, but both look similar. Blooms June-July.



Leaves: leaves are 5" long and 1" wide, with larger leaves near the base and smaller leaves near the flowers at the top. Leaf edges are wavy or curly.



Seeds: fruits have a heart-shaped leaf (sepal) around a central oval fruit. As the plant ages the fruit dries and becomes a red-brown.

## CONTROL



Manual: digging may be effective if the taproot is removed or destroyed.



Chemical: Escort, Milestone, Stinger, Garlon 3A, Habitat, Roundup, Rodeo, and glyphosate are effective.



Prescribed fire: not effective.



Cultural: clean equipment and vehicles to limit seed dispersal.



Mechanical: mowing reduces flowering and seed production.