

***Rumex x henrardii*** Danser

(*R. maritimus x palustris*)

Native

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A very rare hybrid dock, intermediate between the rather similar parents but often more robust and largely sterile. Only recorded once in Somerset, when several plants were found by Ian Green in 1994 at Walton Heath on the Somerset Levels, VC6 (ST456387), in a peat cutting with both parents, the identification confirmed by John Akeroyd. This hybrid was first collected in Britain in 1929 by G.C. Druce at Boarstall, Buckinghamshire, the specimen determined by B.H. Danser. It has subsequently been recorded only at Wilden Marsh in Worcestershire, where it was found in 1998 and last recorded in 2003, and at Pitsford Reservoir in Northamptonshire, found in 2011. A specimen collected by Joan Gibbons in 1949 at the Isle of Axholme, is considered by John Akeroyd to be this hybrid but wrongly attributed to VC5: Isle of Axholme is in Lincolnshire, for which county Joan Gibbons wrote the flora. The Somerset site was the most southwestern site in England.