

Rumex x heteranthos Borbás

(*R. crispus x palustris*)

Native

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A very rare hybrid dock found on the edges of ditches, margins of lakes and reservoirs, and in peat cuttings. An upright plant bearing narrow leaves with crisped margins of *R. crispus*, but having leafy bracts in the inflorescence like *R. palustris*. In Somerset, only known from the Somerset Levels in VC6 where it was first found in 1994 by Ian Green in a peat cutting at Glastonbury Heath (ST471396), the identification confirmed by John Akeroyd. Ian Green subsequently found this hybrid in a peat cutting at Walton Heath (ST456387) in 1994, by ponds at Langford Rifle Range (ST423290) in 1996 and at the edge of water at Shapwick Heath (ST426408) in 1996. There have been no subsequent records in Somerset. This hybrid was first recorded in Britain in 1961 by J.R. Ironside Wood at Eyebrook Reservoir, Leicestershire. It has been found at a few other sites in England: sites in Somerset are the most southwestern.

NB Akeroyd (2014) considers the name *Rumex x areschougii* G. Beck to be the valid name for this hybrid.