

Rumex x steinii Becker

(*R. obtusifolius x palustris*)

Native

VC5 Absent; VC6 Lost

A rare hybrid dock found on the margins of ditches and ponds, and in peat cuttings. In Somerset, only known from the Somerset Levels, VC6, where first found by D.T. Holyoak and G.A. Griffiths in 1993 at Shapwick Heath (ST426399), the identification confirmed by John Akeroyd. Ian Green subsequently found this hybrid in peat cuttings at Glastonbury Heath (ST469396 and ST471396), Westhay Heath (ST415421) and Walton Heath (ST456387) in 1994, at Meare Heath (ST449402) in 1995, and by ponds at Langford Rifle Range (ST423290) in 1996. There have been no subsequent records in Somerset. This hybrid has been recorded at several sites in England: sites in Somerset are the most southwestern.