**Rumex crispus**  
**CURLY DOCK** (Buckwheat Family)

in the *Peacock Prairie* at the *James Woodworth Prairie Preserve*

THIS NON-NATIVE SPECIES IS AN EXOTIC, ALIEN, INVASIVE UNDESIRABLE

Lower leaves lance-shaped, pointed, with strongly curled margins. Flowers stalked and growing in a series of whorls, which together form several branched racemes. Coarse plant with numerous, small, drooping green flowers. Fruit composed of a 3 heart-shaped wings, entire or obscurely toothed, with one or more seedlike growths at the center. Stem grooved. 1-6’ (30-183 cm) high. Blooms at the Peacock/Woodworth Prairie from about the 1st week to the 3rd week in June.

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