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Priority:  
High 2

# Bladder Dock/Ruby Dock: *Acetosa vesicaria* (formerly *Rumex vesicarius*)

## Origin:

Native to North Africa; south-west Asia from Iran to Pakistan.

## Form:

A stout, fleshy annual herb.

## Habitat:

Prefers sandy alluvial soils, heavy clay and gravelly ironstone well draining soils. Will grow in acidic, neutral and basic soils. Ruby Dock can also tolerate full sun to semi shade. Along roadsides, in disturbed areas. A

common, widespread arid zone weed, found in a variety of disturbed situations from the Pilbara to the Nullarbor. Also found in the Wheatbelt.

## Description:

Erect annual herb 0.2-1m high. Erect with rather succulent hollow stems. Triangular leaves 5-10cm long, 4-8cm wide and inconspicuous flowers.



## Flowers/Seed:

Flowers are seen predominantly during the winter months/early spring (June-Sept). Clustered in 2 or 3 at the apex of a single stem with all valves folded together. Valves 12-23mm long, 15mm wide, often tinged bright pink or purplish.

The fruit valves are inflated, pinkish red and up to 2cm in size. Seeds are protected by a spongy brown fruit when they are dispersed.

## Dispersal:

Seeds dispersed via wind and water.

## District Location of Known Infestations and/or Additional Notes:

- New Bore
- Francois Peron National Park - Peron Homestead, Herald Bight, Bottle Bay and old Peron/Bottle Bay track
- Red Cliff Area/Monkey Mia Road
- Overlander Road
- Denham Townsite.