

Sheep/Red Sorrel

Genus/species *Rumex acetosella*

Family **Polygonaceae**

Distribution **Throughout US; naturalized from Eurasia**

Comments This small plant makes its appearance in early spring, and is seldom much more than a foot in height. Its small leaves (generally less than 2 inches long except for those at the base of the plant) typically have a pair of distinct lobes at the base. The flowers (male and female on separate plants) are tiny and yellowish to reddish. Pollen is dispersed by the wind. Red Sorrel can grow in moist ditches or in dry gravelly areas.

