



Genus-species: *Juncus amabilis*

Authority: Edgar, 1964

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Juncotypus

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Scattered in Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Canterbury and Oamaru

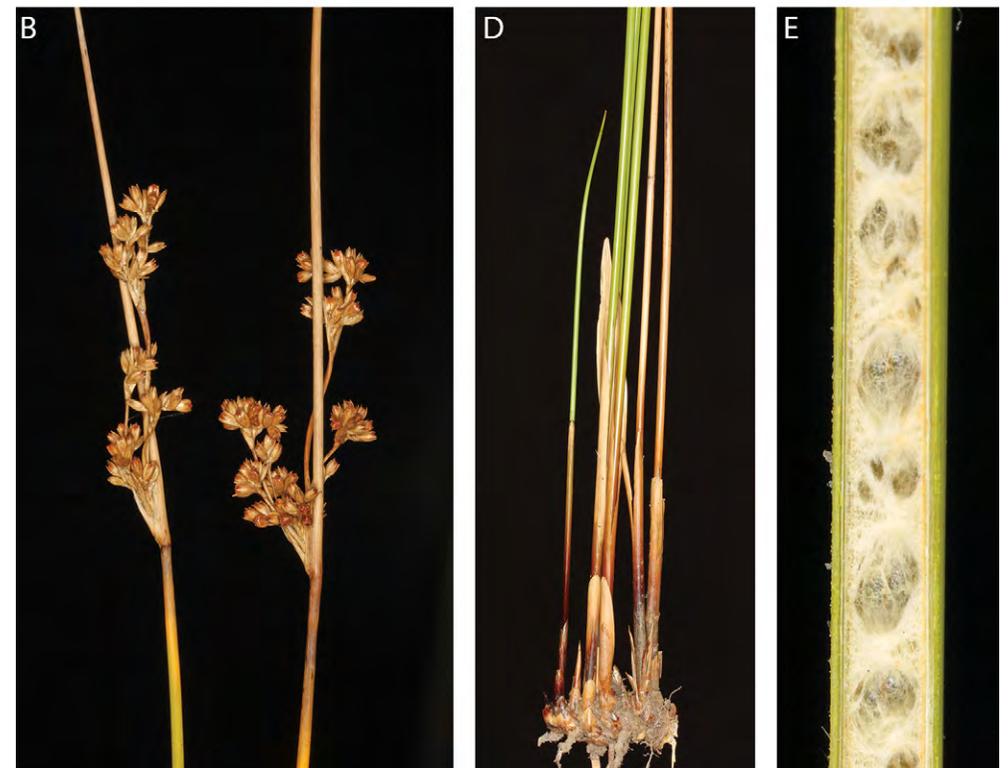
Habitat: Damp places along water body margins and waste land.

Identification features: Leafless rush up to 1.2 m tall, with grey green stems, 1-2.5 mm diameter.

Leaves: absent, reduced to basal sheaths which are very dark red-brown or black, glossy at the base.

Pith: when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. Flower heads: on side of stem, 1-5 cm long, up to five slender branchlets of differing lengths, flowers clustered on the branchlet tips. Capsule 2-2.5 cm long, reddish brown. Tepals: less than length of capsule.

Similar species: Similar to other leafless rushes, most similar to *J. procerus*, which also has interrupted pith and glossy dark leaf sheath bases, but is much larger with stems up to 1.5 m tall and 3.5-8 mm diameter, flower head to 10 cm long, many branched.



A,B- flower heads, C- capsules and tepals, D- basal sheaths and stems, E- interrupted pith.