



Genus-species: *Juncus articulatus*
Authority: L., 1753
Subordinate taxa: -
Synonyms and authority: *Juncus lamprocarpus* Ehrh. ex Hoffman (1791) (nom. inv.)

Common name: jointed rush

Section: Ozophyllum

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Widespread and common throughout.

Habitat: Margins of flowing and still water bodies, drains and wet pasture, sometimes submerged or floating.

Identification features: Sprawling reddish-tinged leafy rush growing in dense or loose tufts up to 80 cm tall. **Leaves:** tubular with internal cross walls (feels like clicks if you hold base of leaf between finger and thumb and slide up), usually bending upwards. **Flower heads:** branched and made up of 4-8 small clusters at branchlet tips. **Capsules:** 2-4mm long, triangular shape with distinct point and glossy dark brown to black in colour. **Tepals:** shorter than capsule.

Similar species: Similar to other tubular leaved rushes with visible cross walls in leaves, but is often sprawling or ascending rather than upright, with acute-tipped dark brown to black capsules longer than the tepals.



A,B- habitat, C-whole plant, D- flower heads, E- capsules and tepals, F- arching stems, G- small ear like membrane (auricle), H- creeping rhizome, I- base of plant with roots and rhizome.