

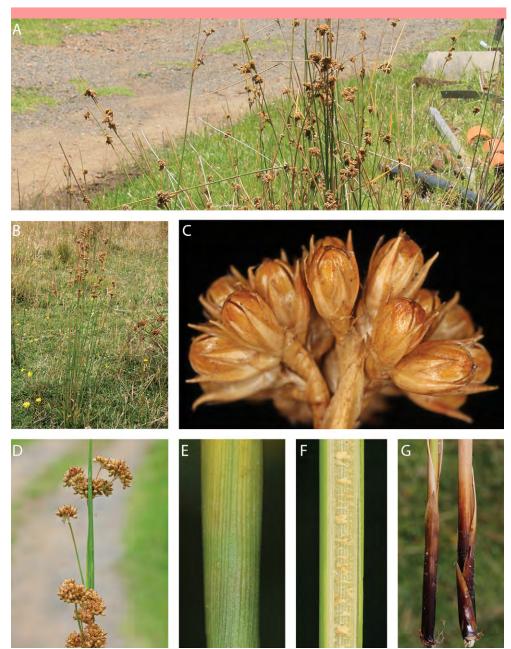
Genus-species:	Juncus australis
Authority:	Hook.f., 1858
Subordinate taxa:	-
Synonyms and authority:	-
Common name:	-
Section:	Juncotypus
Threat status (2012):	Native, non threatened

NZ distribution: Widespread and common throughout.

Habitat: Drains and wet pasture. Mainly low land.

Identification features: Loose blue-green to grey-green clumps. Stems up to 1.2 m tall with vertical ridges and are often covered in a whitish bloom. **Pith:** when stem is split length ways, pith almost absent. **Leaves:** absent, reduced to basal sheaths that are dull dark yellow-brown to chestnut brown in colour, shiny at base. **Flower heads:** branched and made up of one to several dense clusters. **Capsules:** 2.3 - 3 mm long and pale greenish brown in colour. **Tepals:** equal to or slightly shorter in length than the capsule.

Similar species: None. This species is the only one that is blue-green in colour, has a whitish bloom covering, ridged stems and usually with interrupted to absent pith.



A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- capsules and tepals, D- flower heads, E- stem with vertical ridges, F- pith almost absent, G -basal sheaths.