



Genus-species: *Juncus brachycarpus*

Authority: Engelm., 1868

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Ozophyllum

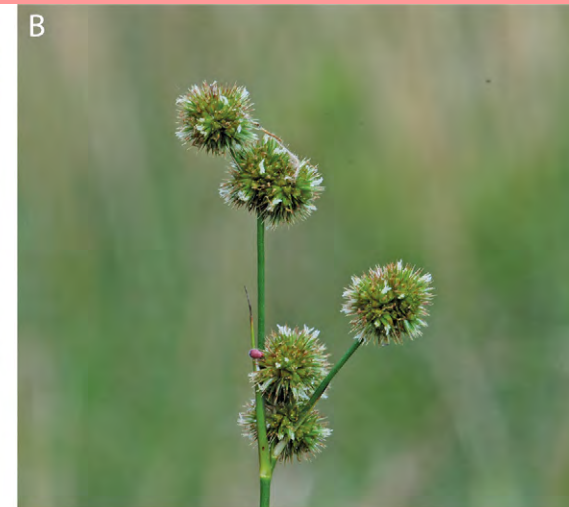
Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: One old collection (1934) from Cape Maria van Diemen

Habitat: The one collection was from a boggy hillside (presumably a seep)

Identification features: Upright tufts to 80 cm tall on a long creeping rhizome. Has distinct cross walls just below the flower head. **Leaves:** tubular with internal cross walls (feels like it clicks if you hold base of leaf between finger and thumb and slide up). **Flower heads:** branched with 2-20 rounded flowerheads (each with 30-100 flowers up to 1 cm across) on upright branches. **Capsules:** 1.7-2.7 mm long with three stamens. **Tepals:** 2-3.8 mm long, longer than length of capsules.

Similar species: Similar to other tubular septate leaved rushes, but only *J. acuminatus*, *J. brachycarpus* and *J. canadensis* have cross walls visible in the stems beneath the flower head. *J. acuminatus* and *J. canadensis* have septae beneath the flowerhead, but neither have such globose flowerheads.



A- herbarium specimen, B- flower heads, C- stems, D- leaves with visible cross walls, E- creeping rhizome. (Photo A supplied by Allan Herbarium, CHR copyright, Landcare Research. Images B, C, E and that used for the title banner supplied by Larry Allain, USGS, Wetland and Aquatic Research Center, USA).