



Genus-species: *Juncus caespiticicus*

Authority: E.Mey., 1846

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: grass-leaved rush

Section: Graminifolii

Threat status (2012): Native, non threatened

NZ distribution: Widespread and common throughout.

Habitat: Usually coastal. Growing in damp seepages, or on steep damp cliff faces. Occasionally in dune swales or around the margins of streams.

Identification features: A pale green grass like rush forming leafy tufts with stems between 10-30 cm tall. Can form circular patches up to 10 cm in diameter. **Leaves:** broad at the base and stiff and arching (not flat). Base often pink-coloured. **Flower heads:** usually a single round cluster (sometimes more than one) at the end of stems with a long leaf like extension (bract) above this. **Capsules:** oval, reddish-brown, and more or less equal in length to tepals.

Similar species: Distinguished from *J. planifolius* and *J. lomtophyllus* by the flower head which is usually a single, spherical shaped head with the plant having broadly arched leaves. Also similar to *J. sonderianus* from which it differs in usually having a single flower head rather than 1-3 flower heads, and tepals more or less equal to capsule length rather than tepals longer than capsules.



A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- flower heads, D- capsules and tepals, E- modified leaf (bract) longer than flower head, F- leaves, G- stem.