



- Genus-species:** *Juncus dichotomus*
- Authority:** Elliott, 1817
- Subordinate taxa:** -
- Synonyms and authority:** *Juncus tenuis* subsp. *dichotomus* (Elliott) F.Verloove & J.Lambinon (2011), *Juncus tenuis* var. *dichotomus* (Elliott) Alph. Wood (1864), *Juncus platyphyllus* (Weigand) Furnald (1945)
- Common name:** -
- Section:** Steirochloa
- Threat status (2012):** Naturalised

NZ distribution: Common in northern North Island, scattered further south to Wairarapa.

Habitat: Open areas including seasonally wet, usually sandy soils such as grassland, lake shores, drains and road verges.

Identification features: Stiffly upright tufts growing up to 60 cm tall. **Leaves:** much shorter than stems, rigid, rounded, channelled or nearly flat, with short ear shaped lobes (auricles) at base. **Flower heads:** rigid and only sometimes upright (4-10 cm long) with many flowers arranged singly on branchlets, with a single slender leaf like appendage of similar length exceeding length of each flower head. **Capsules:** 3 mm long, shiny light brown. **Tepals:** similar or longer in length than the capsule.

Similar species: Similar to *J. tenuis*, but this species has less upright and slender leaves, with long membranous auricles and bracts exceeding the flower head.



A- habitat and whole plant, B- flower heads, C- capsules and tepals, D- basal sheaths, E- leaf with ear-like membrane (auricle) at base.