



Genus-species: *Juncus edgariae*

Authority: L.A.S.Johnson & K.L.Wilson, 2001

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: *Juncus gregiflorus sensu* Moore & Edgar (1970) (nom. inv.)

Common name: Edgar's rush

Section: Juncotypus

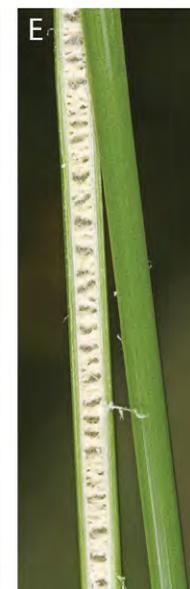
Threat status (2012): Endemic, non threatened

NZ distribution: Widespread in the North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands.

Habitat: Coastal to alpine. Usually in open shrubland, gringing wetlands and in seasonally damp sites. Often found invading pasture and in urban areas.

Identification features: A variable tussock growing up to 2.5 m tall. Stems erect and tough with modified leaves (bracts) forming at the base. Colours range from dark-green, orange-green to red-green (drying to a glossy yellow-green). **Pith:** when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. **Leaves:** absent. **Flower heads:** branching with small variable clusters of flowers at branch tips. **Capsules:** 1.5-2.3 mm long, egg-shaped and blunt. **Tepals:** equal to or longer in length than the capsules.

Similar species: Similar to *J. continuus* but differs by the usually interrupted bright white, dense stem pith and capsules that are less than or more or less equal in length to the tepals.



A- habitat, B- flower heads, C- capsules and tepals, D- stem, E- interrupted pith, F- basal sheaths.