



Genus-species: *Juncus flavidus*

Authority: L.A.S.Johnson, 1978

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Juncotypus

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Mostly Northland and Auckland, scattered elsewhere in NI

Habitat: Roadside and rough, damp pastures.

**Identification features:** Slender clumped, leafless rush up to 1.2 m tall, with 1.2-3.5 mm diameter stems. **Pith:** when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. **Leaves:** absent, reduced to basal sheaths which are dull yellow to dark golden brown, glossy at the very base. **Flower heads:** open, fan shaped, with branchlets of differing lengths (3-17 cm long), flowers either evenly distributed along branchlets or clustered. **Capsules:** 2-2.8 cm long, golden brown. **Tepals:** longer in length to capsules.

**Similar species:** Similar to other leafless rushes, distinguished by the fan-shaped flower heads, slender clumps and pale yellow-brown basal sheaths.



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