



Genus-species: *Juncus homalocaulis*

Authority: F.Muell., 1853

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Steirochloa

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Mostly Northland, from Kaitaia north, but a few recent collections around Auckland

Habitat: Grasslands and temporarily wet habitats.

Identification features: Dense tufted plants up to 18 cm tall. **Leaves:** 3-5 per stem, channelled or hair-like, wiry, with short hard lobes at the leaf base. **Flower heads:** very long (up to 10 cm long), and widely spread. **Capsules:** narrow 4.5-5.5 mm long. **Tepals:** longer in length to capsules.

Similar species: Unlike other *Juncus* when flowering, with long, narrow flowers. Vegetatively similar to *J. tenuis* but lacking the long, ear-like membrane (auricle).



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