



Genus-species: *Juncus lomatoophyllus*

Authority: Spreng., 1821

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: broad-leaved rush

Section: Graminifolii

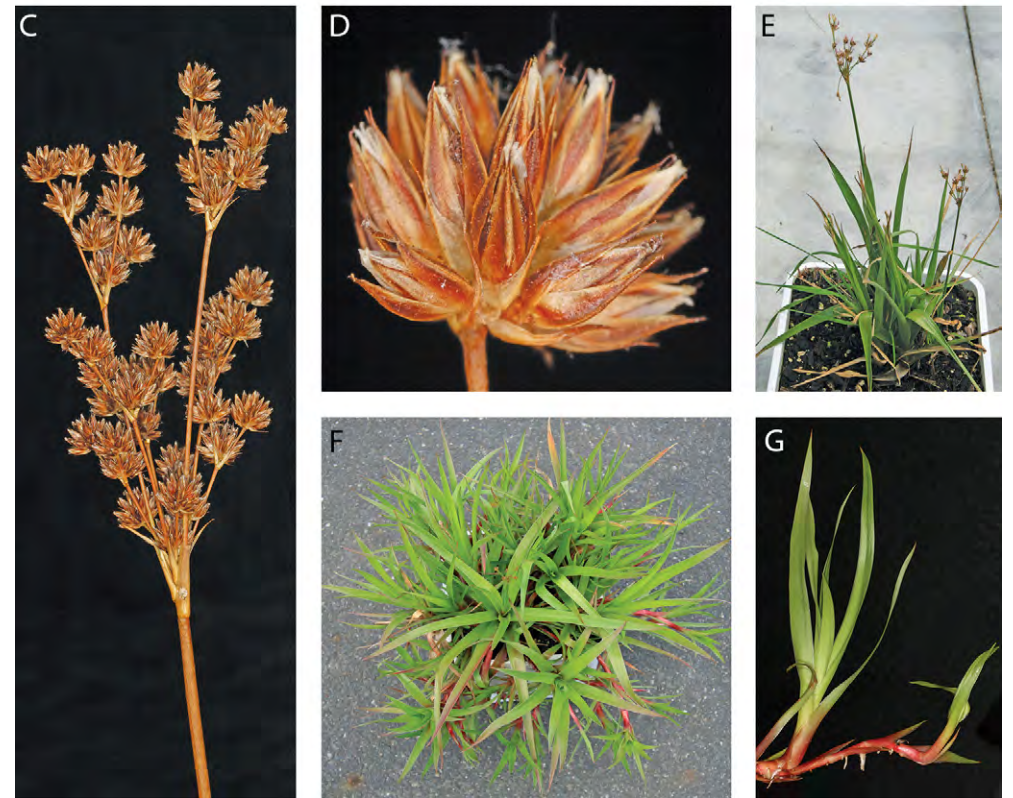
Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Common in coastal Buller and Westland

Habitat: Wet pasture and a wide range of wet habitats.

Identification features: Tufted, grass-like rush up to 74 cm tall. **Leaves:** very wide at the base (up to 1.5 cm wide), flat and taper to a fine point. Occasionally reddish-tinged near margins and leaf tips. The bases of leaves are often red. **Flower heads:** branched, made up of 3 to 12 clusters of dark-brown to black flowers/capsules. **Capsules:** 2.5-3mm long, dark brown and pointed. **Tepals:** longer in length than capsules.

Similar species: No other grass-leaved rush has such large and wide leaves, perhaps the native *J. planifolius* is the most similar, but has narrower leaves, lacks the stoloniferous sward-forming growth habit and has much smaller (2.5 mm) capsules and flower clusters.



A- habitat, B- whole plants, C- flower heads, D- capsules and tepals, E- whole plant potted, F- whole plant from above showing flat leaves tapering to a point, G- leaf bases often red and creeping rhizome.