

Genus-species:	Juncus novae-zelandiae
Authority:	Hook.f., 1853
Subordinate taxa:	-
Synonyms and authority:	-
Common name:	dwarf rush
Section:	Ozophyllum
Threat status (2012):	Endemic, non threatened

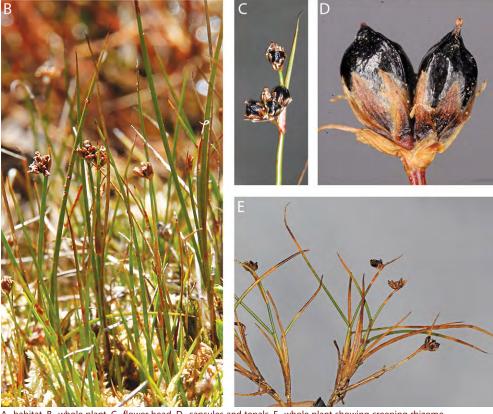
NZ distribution: Southwards from Waikato and Bay of Plenty

Habitat: Mostly in mountains but also in open places such as swamps and wet open scrub areas.

**Identification features:** Small dense tufts that can form large patches from a creeping rhizome. Leaves: 2-10 cm long, tubular with visible cross walls. Flower heads: forms a single head of 3-5 flowers, exceeded by a leaf like extension. Capsules: up to 3 mm long, oblong and shining black. Tepals: much shorter in length compared to capsules.

Similar species: Simlar to J. antarcticus , J. pusillus. and J. schechzerioides. It differs from J. antarcticus (with which it may grow) by having visible cross-walls on leaves, red or greenish brown rather than dark maroon to black tepals and consistently 6 rather than 3-6 stamens. Differs from J. pusillus by the lustrous black rather than dull pale-brown capsules. Differs from J. scheuchzerioides in having a single head of 3-5 flowers, shining black capsules and a leaf like extension that exceeds the flower head.





A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- flower head, D- capsules and tepals, E- whole plant showing creeping rhizome.