



Genus-species: *Juncus scheuchzerioides*

Authority: Gaudich., 1825

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Ozophyllum

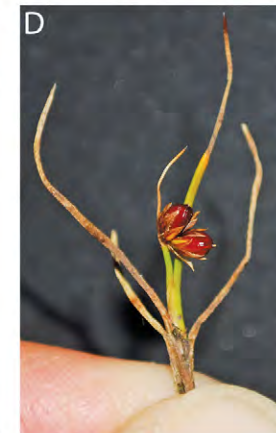
Threat status (2012): Native, Naturally Uncommon

NZ distribution: Subantarctic Islands

Habitat: Sea level to 300 m.a.s.l. Usually in or near running water or in open peaty turf.

Identification features: Densely tufted rush with stems growing up to 20 cm high. Dark-green, red-green or bright green in colour. **Leaves:** many leaves that grow much longer than the stems and are narrow tapering to point. **Flower heads:** a simple compact head of 3-8 flowers, very rarely producing a second head. Flowers 4 mm long. **Capsules:** egg-shaped, light brown or red-brown. **Tepals:** less than or greater than length of capsules.

Similar species: Could be confused with *J. pusillus* which also grows on the Auckland Islands. *J. pusillus* differs in that it has tubular rather than flat leaves and leaves which are less than rather than greater than 0.5 mm wide. *J. pusillus* leaves are usually dark brown or red-brown rather than *J. scheuchzerioides* leaves which are pale green, red-green to bright green colour. Also resembles *J. novae-zelandiae* but differs in having clusters of 3-8 flowers, and brown capsules.



A- habitat, B- whole plants, C- whole plant showing position of flowers with leaves growing much longer than the stem, D- note small size of plant next to thumb nail, E- flower heads, F- capsules and tepals, G- leaves with internally visible cross walls.