



**Genus-species:** *Juncus subsecundus*

**Authority:** N.A.Wakef., 1957

**Subordinate taxa:** -

**Synonyms and authority:** -

**Common name:** -

**Section:** Juncotypus

**Threat status (2012):** Naturalised

**NZ distribution:** One site in Auckland City

**Habitat:** Heavy dryish soils.

**Identification features:** Very slender leafless rush up to 90 cm tall. Stems thin (0.5-1.5 mm), grey green with distinct ridges. **Pith:** when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. **Leaves:** absent, reduced to basal sheaths that are yellow to golden-brown, glossy at the very base. **Flower heads:** open, fan shaped, with branchlets of differing lengths, flowers either evenly distributed along branchlets or clustered. Capsule 2.2-2.8 cm long, golden brown. **Tepals:** similar ( $\pm$ ) to length of capsules.

**Similar species:** Can be distinguished from most other leafless rushes by the yellow to golden-brown basal sheaths. *J. ochrocoleus* also has this character but has yellow green unridged stems and a clustered (not fan-shaped) flower head. Also could be confused with *J. usitatus* which differs by bright green to blue-green stems and capsules less than or equal to 2 mm long.



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