



Genus-species: *Juncus tenuis*

Authority: Willd., 1799

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: track rush

Section: Steirochloa

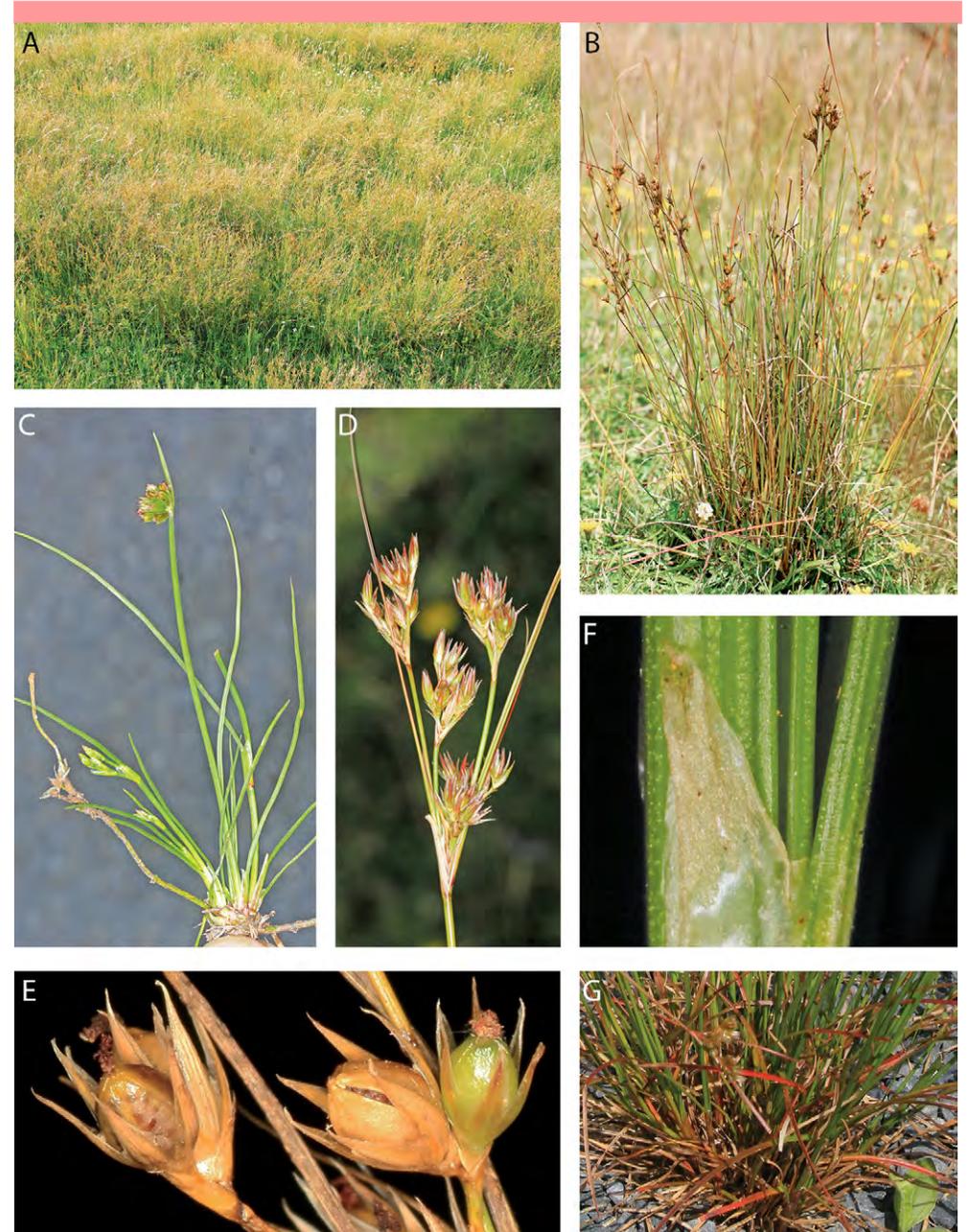
Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Distributed throughout North, South and Stewart Islands.

Habitat: Open or partially shaded disturbed sites in dry or seasonally wet sandy or clay soils, often on pathways.

Identification features: Stiffly upright leafy tufts to 60 cm tall. **Leaves:** slender but tough (wiry), with thin membranous auricles 2-5 mm long at the base. **Flower heads:** usually open with flowers arranged singly along branchlets; occasionally with several clusters of flowers arranged in groups on branchlet tips. **Capsules:** 3 mm long. **Tepals:** much greater in length than capsules.

Similar species: Very similar to *J. anthelatus* which is taller, has flowers arranged singly along branchlets and capsules less than 3/4 length of tepals. *J. dichotomous* is also similar but lacks the large, membranous auricles.



A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- whole plant showing leaves and position of flower heads, D- flower head, E- capsules and tepals, F- membranous auricle at leaf base, G- whole plant.