Genus-species:  
*Juncus amabilis*

Authority:  
Edgar, 1964

Subordinate taxa:  
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Synonyms and authority:  
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Common name:  
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Section:  
Juncotypus

Threat status (2012):  
Naturalised

NZ distribution:  
Scattered in Auckland, Hawkes Bay, Wairarapa, Canterbury and Oamaru

Habitat:  
Damp places along water body margins and waste land.

Identification features:  
Leafless rush up to 1.2 m tall, with grey green stems, 1-2.5 mm diameter. 
Leaves: absent, reduced to basal sheaths which are very dark red-brown or black, glossy at the base. 
Pith: when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. Flower heads: on side of stem, 1-5 cm long, up to five slender branchlets of differing lengths, flowers clustered on the branchlet tips. Capsule 2-2.5 cm long, reddish brown. Tepals: less than length of capsule.

Similar species:  
Similar to other leafless rushes, most similar to *J. procerus*, which also has interrupted pith and glossy dark leaf sheath bases, but is much larger with stems up to 1.5 m tall and 3.5-8 mm diameter, flower head to 10 cm long, many branched.

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