



Genus-species: *Juncus capitatus*

Authority: Weigel, 1772

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: dwarf rush

Section: Caespitosi

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Northland and northern Auckland south to Tomarata

Habitat: Roadsides, sandy pasture and lake margins

Identification features: Leafy, short pale green rush growing in tufts. **Leaves:** stiff and arching with inrolled margins, 10-15 cm long, pointed but wider at base. **Flower heads:** usually single with one round flower head with a long leaf like extension (bract) above this. Flower stems 10-30 cm tall.

Capsules: egg shaped and red-brown in colour. **Tepals:** same length as capsule.

Similar species: Superficially like *J. bufonius*, but this species has large open flower heads compared with the clustered heads of *J. capitatus*.



A- habitat, B - flower heads, C- whole plant, D- capsules and tepals, E- bract extending from flower head, F- leaves.