Genus-species:  
*Juncus lomatophyllus*

Authority:  
Spreng., 1821

Subordinate taxa:  
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Synonyms and authority:  
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Common name:  
broad-leaved rush

Section:  
Graminifolii

Threat status (2012):  
Naturalised

NZ distribution:  
Common in coastal Buller and Westland

Habitat:  
Wet pasture and a wide range of wet habitats.

Identification features:  
Tufted, grass-like rush up to 74 cm tall. Leaves: very wide at the base (up to 1.5 cm wide), flat and taper to a fine point. Occasionally reddish-tinged near margins and leaf tips. The bases of leaves are often red. Flower heads: branched, made up of 3 to 12 clusters of dark-brown to black flowers/capsules. Capsules: 2.5-3mm long, dark brown and pointed. Tepals: longer in length than capsules.

Similar species:  
No other grass-leaved rush has such large and wide leaves, perhaps the native *J. planifolius* is the most similar, but has narrower leaves, lacks the stoloniforous sward-forming growth habit and has much smaller (2.5 mm) capsules and flower clusters.