



**Genus-species:** *Juncus planifolius*

**Authority:** R.Br., 1810

**Subordinate taxa:** -

**Synonyms and authority:** -

**Common name:** grass-leaved rush

**Section:** Graminifolii

**Threat status (2012):** Native, non threatened

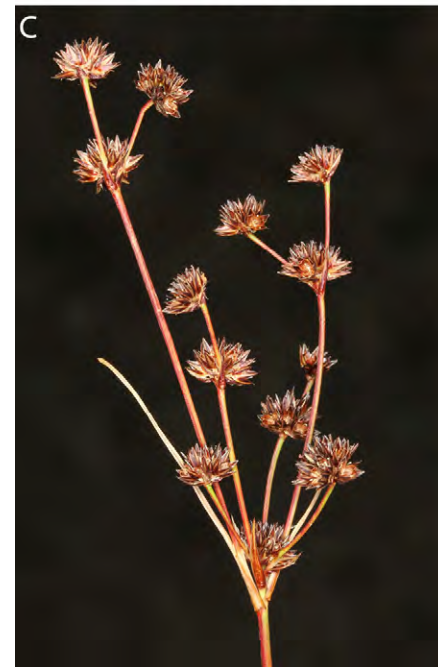
**NZ distribution:** Widespread in the North, South, Stewart and Chatham Islands.

**Habitat:** Open, moist ground. Often found on fresh exposed damp clay, or along track sides or on the margins of drains.

**Identification features:** A tufted grass-like rush of variable size with stems up to 40 cm high.

**Leaves:** wide (15 mm), flat, tapering to a point and are blue-green to reddish at the base. **Flower heads:** irregularly branched and with circular flower clusters forming at the end of branches. **Capsules:** approx 2 mm long, egg-shaped and shining reddish-brown to brownish-black. **Tepals:** slightly shorter than the length of capsules.

**Similar species:** Easily recognised by the cluster of flower heads and flat leaves. Differs from *J. caespiticus* by its flat, not channelled leaves, and flower heads with branches originating from a central point rather than compact circular flower heads.



A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- flower heads, D- capsules and tepals, E- leaves reddish colour at base.