**Genus-species:**

*Juncus prismatocarpus*

**Authority:**

R.Br., 1810

**Subordinate taxa:**

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**Synonyms and authority:**

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**Common name:**

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**Section:**

Iridifolii

**Threat status (2012):**

Native, non threatened

**NZ distribution:**

North Island and only from a few scattered sites in Nelson and Westland in the South Island.

**Habitat:**

Coastal to montane. Usually in lowland wetland habitats or in poorly drained soils in open scrub.

**Identification features:**

An upright, bright green to yellow green, loosely tufted rush growing up to 60 cm tall. Stems flattened and rarely round but hollow. **Leaves:** many, flat (sword like) and multi-tubular with each individual tubular partition with visible cross walls (easily seen if the leaf is held to the light). **Flower heads:** open, with long branches and distant many flowered clusters. **Capsules:** 4.5-5 mm long, rust or straw coloured, long-tapered. **Teapals:** usually much shorter than length of capsules.

**Similar species:**

Easily recognised by the bright green to yellow-green, more or less flat sword-like leaves which are multi-tubular, with internal cross walls only extending part way across the leaf width (cross walls, easily seen if the leaf is held to the light). It is most often confused with J. fockei and J. holoschoenus. Both species differ from J. prismatocarpus by having unitubular round leaves whose internal cross walls extend across the entire leaf width, and by their flower which have six rather than three stamens.