



Genus-species: *Juncus sonderianus*

Authority: Buchenau, 1875

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: *Juncus* sp. aff. *caespiticus* (nom. inv.)

Common name: -

Section: Graminifolii

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Coastal Northland and Auckland

Habitat: Wet sandy places.

Identification features: Tufted, grass like leafy rush growing in tufts to 35 cm tall. **Leaves:** mostly at the base of the plant, stiff, arching and up to 15 cm long and 5 mm wide. **Flower heads:** branched with 1 to 3 clusters of many tightly clumped greenish to chestnut brown flowers/capsules. **Capsules:** 2.5-3mm long and egg-shaped. **Tepals:** longer than the length of capsules.

Similar species: Very similar to the native *J. caespiticus*, but unlike this species it has more than 2 compact circular heads.



A- habitat, B- whole plant with leaves originating at or near the base, C-flower heads with modified leaf (bract) longer than flower head, D- capsules and tepals, E- leaves with arching curve, F- leaves rolled inward (not flat) , G- base of leaves.