

Juncus bulbosus L., 1753

bulbous rush

ID features

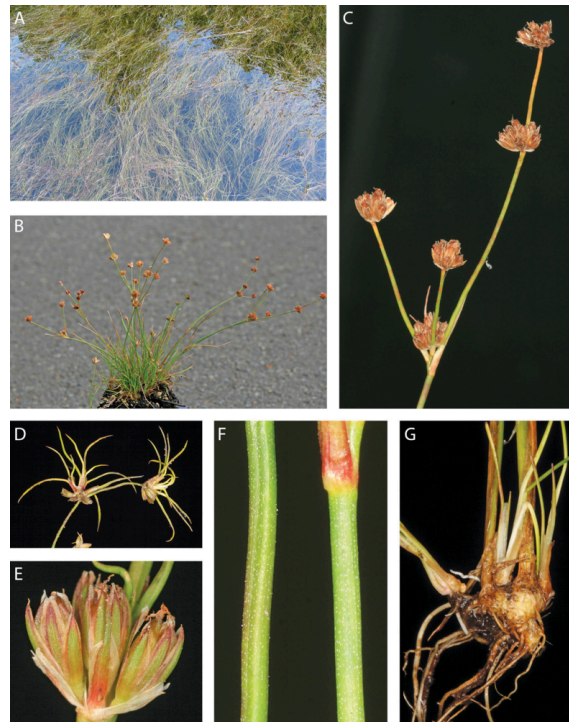
A small dense and fine-leaved red-tinged rush growing in tufts up to 15 cm tall with a distinctive swollen (bulbous) base.

Sometimes mat forming and can grow submerged in lakes. **Leaves:** very fine with internal cross walls visible in leaves. **Flower heads:** branched and made up of many small clusters of 2 to 6 yellow-brown flowers/capsules on end of branchlets. Occasionally tufts of leaves can be found on flowers. **Capsules:** 2-3 mm long, oblong and yellowish-brown. **Tepals:** of similar length to capsule.

Similar species

In submerged habitats maybe confused with *J. bufonius*, but its distinctive bulb like base and leaves with cross walls distinguish it from *J. bufonius*.

Dispersal Mechanisms



A- habitat, B- whole plant, C- flower heads, D- prostrate rooting stems with leafy tufts, E- capsules and tepals, F- stems, G- swollen (bulbous) base.

Presence in New Zealand

New Zealand distribution

Preferred/known habitats

Mostly peaty sites in wet pastures, water body margins, drains and wetlands, sometimes submerged.

Biosecurity Status

Biosecurity Risk