



**Genus-species:** *Juncus acutiflorus*

**Authority:** Ehrh. ex Hoffm., 1791

**Subordinate taxa:** -

**Synonyms and authority:** -

**Common name:** sharp-flowered rush

**Section:** Ozophyllum

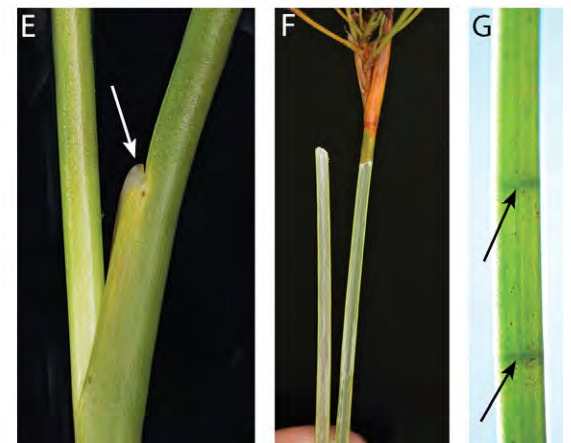
**Threat status (2012):** Naturalised

**NZ distribution:** Common in Buller and Westland, also scattered in Central NI, Wairarapa, Canterbury and Southland

**Habitat:** Drains and wet pasture.

**Identification features:** Upright leafy rush to 1 m tall. Often found in loose clumps and sometimes extending from rhizome lines. **Leaves:** tubular with internal cross walls (feels like clicks if you hold base of leaf between finger and thumb and slide up) with a small ear-like membrane (auricle) where the leaf joins the stem. **Flower heads:** branched and made up of many small clusters of 3 to 12 red brown flowers/capsules. **Capsules:** ~3mm long, red brown in colour and tapering to a point. **Tepals:** shorter than capsule.

**Similar species:** Similar to other tubular leaved rushes with cross walls visible in leaves, but forms stiffly erect clumps (the tallest of this group), many branched with many few flowered clusters of sharp tipped red-brown capsules.



A- whole plant, B- branched flower heads, C- capsules and tepals, D- flower heads, E- small ear-like membrane (auricle) visible where leaf joins to stem, F- no cross walls visible below flower heads, G- leaves with visible cross walls.