



**Genus-species:** *Juncus bulbosus*

**Authority:** L., 1753

**Subordinate taxa:** -

**Synonyms and authority:** -

**Common name:** bulbous rush

**Section:** Ozophyllum

**Threat status (2012):** Naturalised

**NZ distribution:** Widespread and common throughout.

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

**Identification 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*.



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.