



Genus-species: *Juncus continuus*

Authority: L.A.S.Johnson, 1978

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Juncotypus

Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: Lake Rotokawau near Sweetwater (North of Kaitaia), more recent from Auckland City and Great Barrier Is

Habitat: Moist sandy soil, e.g. lake margins

Identification features: Leafless rush up to 1.4 m tall, with 1.2-3 mm diameter stems, bright yellow green, soft, continuous pith. **Leaves:** absent, reduced to basal sheaths that are yellow brown and glossy at the base. **Flower heads:** open with, branchlets of differing lengths, flowers mostly evenly distributed along branchlets. Capsule 2.3-2.8 mm long, dark golden brown. **Tepals:** shorter than length of capsule.

Similar species: Similar to other leafless rushes, vegetatively most similar to *J. effusus*, which also has bright green stems with soft cobwebby pith, but has light straw to pale brown basal sheaths, and a downward pointing lowest flower head branch.



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