



Juncus acuminatus

Common Name(s):

sharp-fruited rush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Common throughout the North Island and northern South Island, usually lowland.

Habitat:

Margins of flowing and still water bodies, drains and wet pasture.

Features*:

Strictly erect tufted perennial, commonly reddish-tinged. Stems 30-80 cm high, distinctly septate internally just below inflorescence. Leaves terete or \pm compressed with distinct transverse septa. Inflorescence very variable, 3-20 cm long, open, much-branched with 6-10-flowered clusters at ends of branches. Tepals 2.5-3.5 mm long, \pm equal, narrow-lanceolate, stiff, acuminate. Stamens 3. Capsules 2.5-3.5 mm long, = or slightly > tepals, narrow, acute, shortly beaked, straw-coloured to brown.

Flowering:

Spring to early summer

Fruiting:

Summer to autumn

*Attribution:

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