



Juncus articulatus

Common Name(s):

jointed rush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Widespread and common throughout.

Habitat:

Margins of flowing and still water bodies, drains and wet pasture, sometimes submerged or floating.

Features*:

Extremely variable perennial rush, 6-60 cm tall, dark green, usually reddish-tinged, loosely or densely tufted or forming open colonies. Stems round, rarely erect, usually flatter or prostrate and rooting at nodes, occ floating. Rhizomes usually short, occ long and forming mats. Leaves mostly along the stems, 5-20 cm long, round or compressed, with distinct hollow compartments separated by partitions (joints) usually visible externally and obvious to touch. Seedhead a loose panicle, terminal, 1-15 cm long, with many branches and clusters of small dark brown flowers. Seed capsules 2-4 mm long, triangular, glossy, dark brown to black.

Flowering:

Summer

Fruiting:

Autumn

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