



Juncus bulbosus

Common Name(s):

bulbous rush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Widespread and common throughout.

Habitat:

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

Features*:

Low-growing, variable perennial rush, 5-15 cm high, densely tufted or with prostrate rooting stems with leafy tufts at nodes, often mat-forming or submerged. Stems usually reddish-tinged, slender, swollen at base, rooting at nodes. Leaves tiny and bristle-like (narrow, grass-like on floating and submerged plants), with distinct hollow compartments separated by partitions. Seedhead terminal, variable, unbranched and few flowered or branched and open, occ with tufts of bristly leaves. Flowers tiny, green to brown. Seed capsules 2-3 mm long, yellowish-brown.

Flowering:

Spring to early summer

Fruiting:

Summer to autumn

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