



Juncus conglomeratus

Common Name(s):

soft rush

Current Threat Status (2009):

Exotic

Distribution:

Tasman to Southland.

Habitat:

Lake margins, roadside drains and wet pasture.

Features*:

Erect clumps; rhizomes short. Stems 30-80 cm × 1.5-3 mm, soft and easily split, grey-green, dull, prominently ridged especially just below inflorescence, pith continuous, cobwebby. Basal sheaths brownish-red, not shining. Inflorescence a ± spherical head c. 1 cm long, base of subtending floral bract conspicuously red-tinged and expanded to a wide opening through which inflorescence emerges. Flowers very crowded. Tepals 2-2.5 mm long, ± equal, acuminate. Stamens 3. Capsule c. 2 mm long, ± = tepals, ovoid-oblong, flattened at top, reddish-brown.

Flowering:

Spring to early summer

Fruiting:

Summer to autumn

*Attribution:

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