# Juncus gerardii

### **Current Threat Status (2009):**

**Exotic** 

**Habitat:** 

Aquatic: Emergent.

#### Features:

Sward forming rush with black rhizomes and erect tufts of dull green leaves, to 20 cm long and 1 mm wide. Leaves are stiff and wiry with small, rounded auricles. Stems 40 - 80 cm tall; flowers spread out on open fan-shaped branchlets. Flowers 3-4 mm long with dark tepals; hooded at tip. Light brown broad capsules are about equal to tepals.

## References and further reading:

Johnson, A. T. and Smith, H. A (1986). Plant Names Simplified: Their pronunciation, derivation and meaning. Landsman Bookshop Ltd: Buckenhill, UK.

## For more information, visit:

http://nzpcn.org.nz/flora\_details.asp?ID=3344



Caption: Juncus gerardii Photographer: John Barkla



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