

# Juncus flavidus

## COMMON NAMES

leafless rush

## BIOSTATUS

Exotic

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## CATEGORY

Vascular

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

## GENUS

Juncus

## FAMILY

Juncaceae

## AUTHORITY

Juncus flavidus L.A.S.Johnson

## SYNONYMS

Agathryon flavidum (L.A.S.Johnson) Závěská Drábková & Pročková

## TAXONOMIC NOTES

Pročková et al. (2023) proposed a taxonomic segregation of *Juncus* into six genera based on molecular and morphological evidence. Whilst it has long been recognised that the current circumscription of *Juncus* includes morphologically divergent taxa—reflected in the recognition of numerous subgenera and sections—the consensus view of the NZPCN website taxonomy subcommittee, taking into consideration advice from Australian *Juncus* expert Dr Karen Wilson (NSW Herbarium) and others in Europe is that the generic segregations proposed need further consideration and testing. Accordingly, it has been decided to maintain the current broad circumscription of *Juncus*, but to include all new names as synonyms in factsheets. We thank, in particular, Dr Wilson for her helpful comments.

## ENDEMIC GENUS

No

## ENDEMIC FAMILY

No

## YEAR NATURALISED

1921

## ORIGIN

Australia

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FAC: Facultative

Commonly occurs as either a hydrophyte or non-hydrophyte (non-wetlands).

## ETYMOLOGY

**juncus:** From the Latin *jungere* 'to tie or bind', the stems of some species being used to make cord (Johnson and Smith)



Stem section showing interrupted pith. Raumati (from a specimen collected by Pat Enright).

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Part inflorescence with mature capsules.

Raumati (from a specimen collected by Pat Enright). Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 05/02/2011, Licence: CC BY.

## NVS CODE

JUNFLA

## 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.

Proćków, J., Záveská Drábková, L. 2023. A revision of the Juncaceae with delimitation of six new genera: nomenclatural changes in *Juncus*. *Phytotaxa* 622(1): 17–41.

## MORE INFORMATION

<https://www.nzpcn.org.nz/flora/species/juncus-flavidus/>

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