

Juncus gerardii

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Juncus gerardii Loisel.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

NVS CODE

JUNGRD

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.

SIMILAR TAXA

Distinguished by the large patches formed in salt marshes, and the far-reaching black rhizomes, and dark brown to black, blunt-tipped tepals

FLOWER COLOURS

Brown, Red/Pink

YEAR NATURALISED

1891

ORIGIN

Europe, Asia, N. Africa, N. America

REASON FOR INTRODUCTION

Accidental

ETYMOLOGY

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

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.

MORE INFORMATION

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



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