

Juncus polyanthemus

BIOSTATUS

Native

CURRENT CONSERVATION STATUS

2023 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: SO

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CATEGORY

Vascular

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Herbs - Monocots

DISTRIBUTION

Indigenous. New Zealand. North Island: Karikari and Pouto Peninsula; Pohangina Valley, Manawatu. Also Australia.

GENUS

Juncus

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Juncus polyanthemus Buchenau

SYNONYMS

Agathryon polyanthemum (Buchenau) Závěská Drábková & Pročkův

TAXONOMIC NOTES

Pročkův 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

ETYMOLOGY

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

NVS CODE

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PREVIOUS CONSERVATION STATUS

2017 | Non-resident Native – Coloniser | Qualifiers: DP, SO

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Inflorescence of *Juncus polyanthemus* (left) and *J. pallidus* (right); Pohangina Valley. Photographer: Colin C. Ogle, Date taken: 05/12/2006, Licence: CC BY-NC.



Karikari Peninsula. Photographer: Jeremy R. Rolfe, Date taken: 21/02/2011, Licence: CC BY.

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-polyanthemus/>

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