

# Juncus amabilis

## COMMON NAME

leafless rush

## SYNONYMS

*Agathryon amabile* (Edgar) Záveská Drábková & Pročková

## FAMILY

Juncaceae

## AUTHORITY

*Juncus amabilis* Edgar

## FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

## STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

## NVS CODE

JUNAMA

## CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

## WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACU: Facultative Upland

Occasionally is a hydrophyte but usually occurs in uplands (non-wetlands).

## YEAR NATURALISED

1925

## ORIGIN

Australia

## ETYMOLOGY

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

**amabilis:** From the Latin *amare*, 'to love', *amabilis* can be translated as 'worthy of love' or 'pleasing', botany was also called *scientia amabilis* 'the pleasing science'

## 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.

## 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.

Pročková, 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-amabilis/>

