

Juncus inflexus

COMMON NAME

hard rush

SYNONYMS

Agathryon inflexum (L.) Záveská Drábková & Pročková

FAMILY

Juncaceae

AUTHORITY

Juncus inflexus L.

FLORA CATEGORY

Vascular – Exotic

STRUCTURAL CLASS

Rushes & Allied Plants

NVS CODE

JUNINF

CONSERVATION STATUS

Not applicable

WETLAND PLANT INDICATOR STATUS RATING

FACW: Facultative Wetland

Usually is a hydrophyte but occasionally found in uplands (non-wetlands).

FLOWER COLOURS

Green

YEAR NATURALISED

1944

ORIGIN

Europe, S.W. to C. Asia, N.E. and S. Africa

ETYMOLOGY

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

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-inflexus/>

