



Genus-species: *Juncus ochrocoleus*

Authority: L.A.S.Johnson (1993)

Subordinate taxa: -

Synonyms and authority: -

Common name: -

Section: Juncotypus

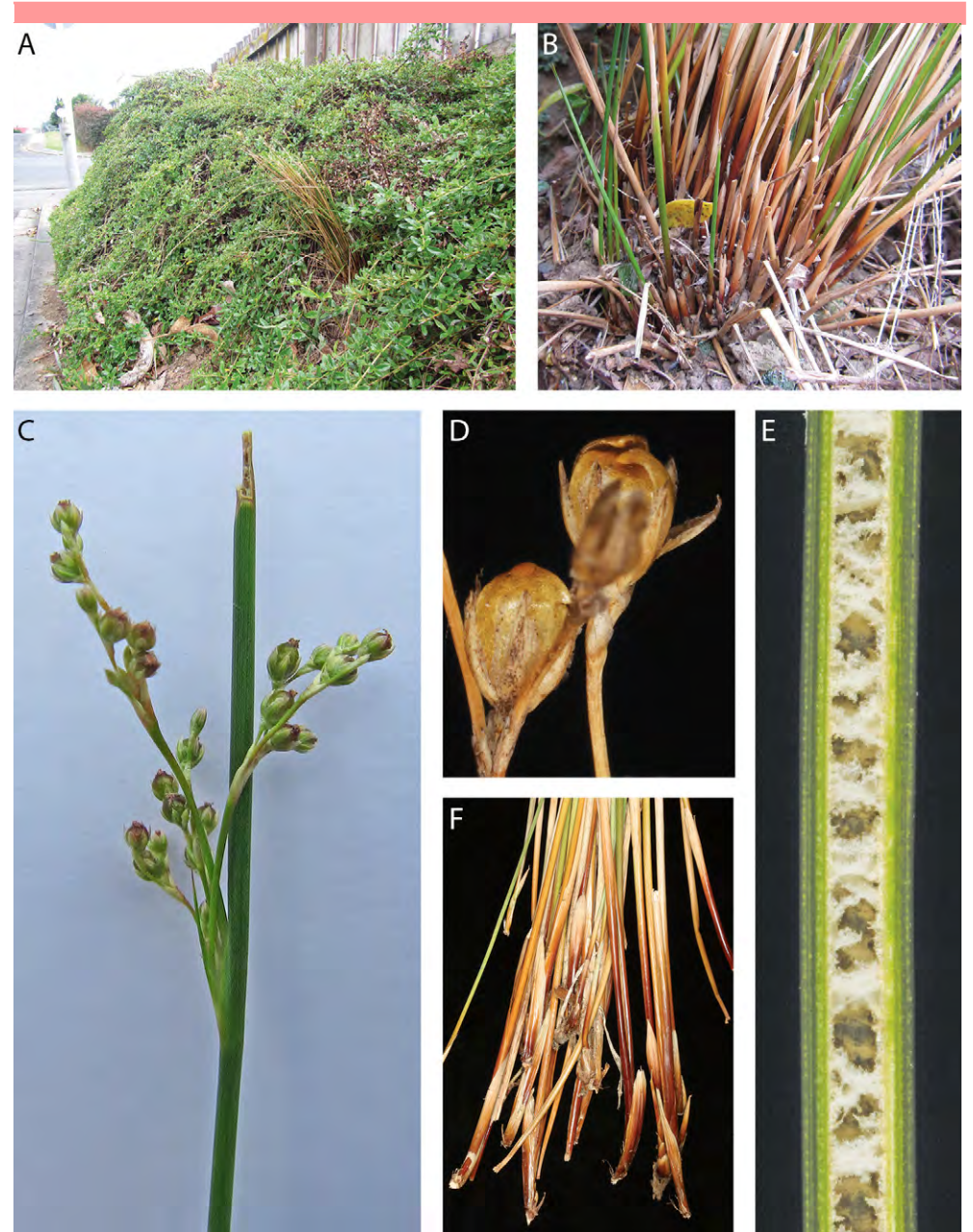
Threat status (2012): Naturalised

NZ distribution: One site in Auckland City

Habitat: In its native range in Eastern Australia prefers seasonally wet, sandy places. Plants found in New Zealand were collected from a shrubbery on clay substrate.

Identification features: Dense tufted, leafless rush with yellow-green stems growing up to 110 cm tall. **Pith:** when stem is split length ways, pith has distinct holes. **Leaves:** absent, reduced to basal sheaths that are yellow-to golden-brown. **Flower heads:** an open cluster with flowers evenly spaced on branchlets. **Capsules:** 2.0-2.5 mm long, shining golden-brown. **Tepals:** shorter in length compared to capsules.

Similar species: Can be distinguished from most other leafless rushes by the yellow- to golden-brown basal sheaths. *J. subsecundus* also has this character but has grey-green ridged stems and a fan-shaped (not clustered) flower head.



A- habitat, B- base of plant, C- flower head, D- capsules and tepals, E- interrupted pith, F- golden brown basal sheaths.