

# *Juncus fockei*



*Juncus fockei*. M. Fagg.  
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**FAMILY:** JUNCACEAE

**BOTANICAL NAME:** *Juncus fockei*,  
Buchenau in Engl., *Bot. Jahrb.* 12: 358 (1890)

**COMMON NAME:** Slender joint-leaf rush

**COMMONWEALTH STATUS:** (*EPBC Act*)  
Not Listed

**TASMANIAN STATUS:** (*TSP Act*) rare

## Description

A loosely clustered rush. **Underground parts:** The underground parts consist of a short, underground horizontal stem. **Flowering Stems:** The stems are erect and between 15-60 cm long and 1.5-3.5 mm wide. They are cylindrical or somewhat flattened. **Leaves:** The stalked leaves arise from the base and are often as long as the main stem. The blades are more or less cylindrical and are composed of a single tube with widely spaced divisions across the stem. The bases are long and more or less flattened. They are incompletely divided. **Seedhead:** The seedhead arises from the tips. The branches are stiff and spread widely, carrying spherical heads of flowers. Flowering is predominantly from November to January (Flora of Victoria). **Confusing species:** This species is very similar to *Juncus holoschoenus*, but the seedhead branches are more widely spreading, and the capsules are longer in *Juncus fockei* (description from Curtis & Morris 1994).

## Distribution and Habitat

On the mainland this species occurs in Victoria and New South Wales. It is also found in New Zealand. There is only one record of *Juncus fockei* (locality in the Midlands) from Winifred Curtis, however no herbarium voucher specimen was attached.

## Key Sites and Populations

The key site for this species is at Epping Forest.

## Known Reserves

This species is not currently known from any reserve.

## Ecology and Management

Wind is the most likely pollination vector for this species (A. Hingston pers. comm.).

## Conservation Status Assessment

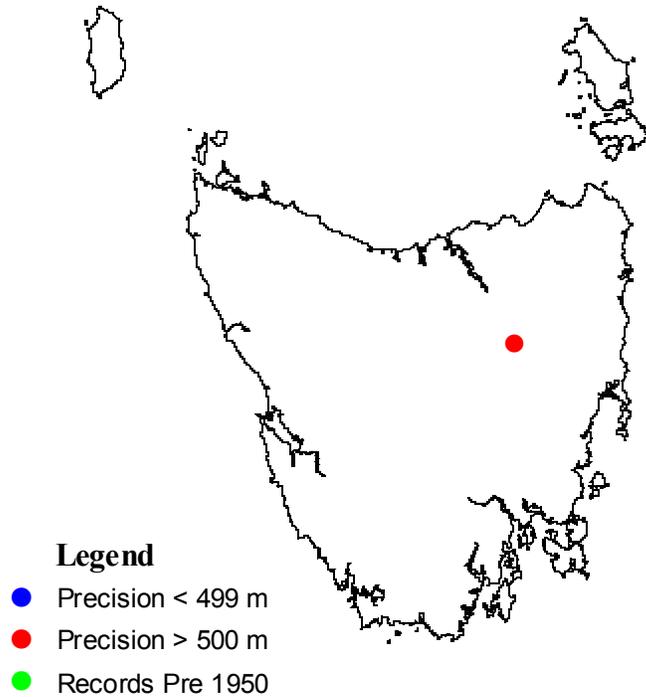
Reassessment of *Juncus fockei* may be required due to the uncertain status of the species in Tasmania.

## Further Information

- Curtis, WM & Morris, DI 1994, *The Student's Flora of Tasmania*, Part 4B, Printing Authority of Tasmania, Hobart.

## Tasmanian Distribution

(As per Threatened Species Unit records, June 2003)



## 1:25 000 Map Sheets

Cleveland.

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