



Juncus subcaudatus

woodland rush

Family Juncaceae

Origin Native

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DESCRIPTION

Woodland rush grows in clumps, and has round, smooth stems (30 to 90 cm tall). The one to three leaves per stem (4 to 15 cm long), are hollow, round and overall similar to the stems.

FLOWERS AND FRUITS

July through September. The flower clusters, found at the upper stem on widely-spreading branches, have compact globe-like heads, each with eight to 20 florets. Sepals are pointed with the perianth (set of petals and sepals wrapping the flower) that are about equal in length to the capsule. The capsules (3 to 4 mm long) are straw colored and taper to a short beak. Capsules contain seeds with prominent rib and lesser ridges and with short "tails" at both ends.

HABITAT

Most frequent at higher elevations in marshes, swamps, bogs, wet fields and disturbed wetlands.

SIMILAR SPECIES

May be confused with two species with similar flower head branching patterns. The first, *Juncus canadensis*, Canadian rush, has capsules longer than perianth and seeds with very conspicuous tails at both ends, and the second, *Juncus acuminatus*, tapertip rush, has seeds with netted veins and no tails. Also see the *Juncus brevicaudatus*, narrowpanicle rush, page for comparison with this species.



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Juncus acuminatus



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Juncus canadensis