

Genus-species: Juncus anthelatus

**Authority:** (Wiegand) R.E.Brooks, 1999

**Subordinate taxa:** 

**Synonyms and authority:** Juncus tenuis var. anthelatus Wiegand (1900), Juncus tenuis subsp.

anthelatus (Wiegand) F. Verloove & J. Lambinon (2011)

Common name:

Section: Steirochloa

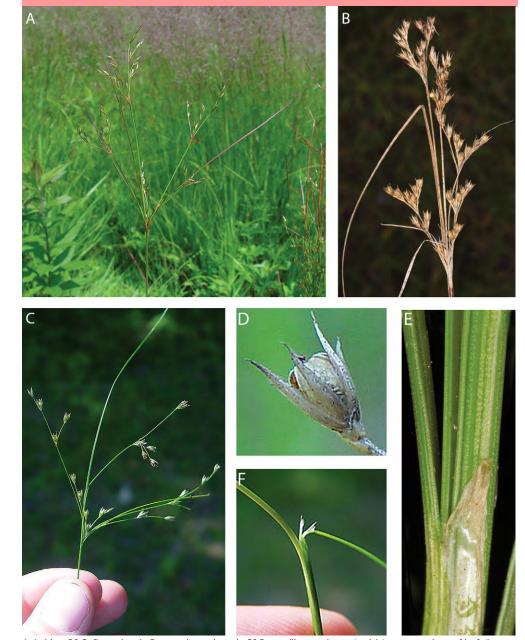
Threat status (2012): Naturalised

**NZ distribution:** Northland, Auckland, Bay of Plenty, Waiouru, Wellington, Wairarapa and Chatham Is

**Habitat:** Open or partially shaded disturbed sites in moist or seasonally wet sandy or clay soils, often on pathways

**Identification features:** Stiffly upright tufts growing up to 90 cm tall. **Leaves:** slender but tough (wiry), with ear shaped lobes (auricles) present at the leaf base. **Flower heads:** open, many branched (5-20 cm long) with up to 100 flowers arranged singly on branches. **Capsules:** 2-3.2 mm long. Tepal: much longer than the length of capsule.

**Similar species:** Very similar to *J. tenuis*, but *J. tenuis* is shorter, has flowers produced in clusters and capsule greather than 3/4 length of tepals.



A- habitat, B&C- flower heads, D- capsules and tepals, E&F- ear -like membrane (auricle) present at base of leaf. (Images C & F taken by Donald Cameron, https://gobotany.newenglandwild.org/; Images A&D  $\hat{A} \& A$ rthur Haines, New England Wild Flower Society).