

SPEIFICATIONS:

- Species name: *Juncus effusus* (attached page 212 from the Wetland plant book).
- No of plants: **180**
- Size of the plants: fully grown, **80 cm** high
- In plant bag with substrate.

Measurements
Stem height: 0.3-1.5 m
Leaf length: 70-170 mm
Leaf width: NA
Capsule length: 2-3 mm
Seed length: ± 0.5 mm

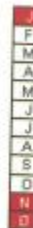
Juncus effusus L. (JUNCACEAE)

(E: Soft rush)

Synonyms: *Juncus subcuneatus* Adamson; *Juncus subglobosus* Adamson



Densely tufted, mat-forming, perennial, grass-like plant, with hard woody, creeping rhizomes. **Scapes:** Scape stiff, round and with continuous pith; cylindrical, glossy, smooth, bright green. **Leaves:** Bladeless; sheaths reduced to brown scale-like structures arranged around the base of the stem. **Inflorescence:** Loose clusters of numerous small flowers borne on short branches supported by a similar looking bract that extends beyond inflorescence; giving the appearance of being attached laterally one fifth from the top of the stem. **Flowers:** 3 floral bracts; perianth segments finely pointed, lanceolate; stamens 3 or rarely 6. **Fruit:** Broadly ovoid capsule, obtuse at the tip with narrowly ellipsoid seeds that bulge on the one side, golden brown, without appendages. **Altitude:** Up to 2000 m. **Habitat:** Swamps, river and streambeds; often forming a large stand around permanently wet places. **Distribution:** WC, EC, KZN, FS, MP, LP, NW and GA; also Lesotho. **General:** Cosmopolitan; sometimes considered to be introduced into SA. **Similar species:** *J. inflexus*, the tips of the stems do not end in a sharp points; the pith has large airspaces and the capsule is much harder..



Origin: *Juncus* = rush; *effusus* = spreading, straggly. 'Soft rush' = the stems are not rigid and erect, but soft and pliable.

