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**SPECIES**

*Juncus usitatus*

**COMMON NAME**

Common Rush, Pin Rush, Mat Rush

**ORIGIN**

Queensland, New South Wales, Victoria , New Zealand and New Caledonia

**DESIGN USE**

Wetland construction and rehabilitation, creeks and pond banks



**HEIGHT**

1.2m

**SPREAD**

60cm

**HABIT**

Densely tufted perennial rush spreading from underground stems. Erect yellow-green stems to 2mm diam. with raised, crowded ridges.

**FORM**

Emergent, densely tufted, rhizomatous perennial with terete culms. Leaves reduced to a basal sheath to 18cm long, dark brown to reddish brown towards the base.

**FLOWERS**

Dense to open flowerhead with flowers scattered along few to many branches; 3 stamens. Main bract continues above flowers for 25cm. Capsules pale brown with darker tips, longer than flowers

**FLOWERING PERIOD**

Spring to Summer

**CLIMATIC TOLERANCES**

It usually grows close to the water's edge or in shallow water, in mud, sand and sandy soils; favours saturated soils and shallow water but does not thrive in deep water.

**HORTICULTURE**

It accepts virtually all soil types including wet areas and is drought tolerant.

**REFERENCES**

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