

JUNCUS GREENEI Oakes & Tuckerm.  
Greene's Rush

FAMILY: Juncaceae

HABIT: Perennial herb to 8 dm., stems cespitose from a short rhizome; flowering June-September; fruiting July-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Juncus greenei* is one of the few rushes in Ohio with nearly terete, deeply channeled, non-septate leaves. It is ultimately distinguished by technical characters.

TOTAL RANGE: New Brunswick to NH, mostly near the coast; also inland from sw. Ontario to IN, IA, and MN.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Fulton, Lucas, Marion, and Wood counties.

HABITAT: Moist or dry sandy open ground: shores, swales, fields, clearings, dunes, and interdunal depressions; also along railroads and roadsides.

HAZARDS: Overshading by woody species as a result of succession.

RECOVERY POTENTIAL: Presumed good since it appears able to colonize disturbed habitats.

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature fruiting material is needed for positive identification.

COMMENTS: It is quite possible that this species is more frequent in Ohio than current records indicate. Like many other members of this genus, it is easily misidentified or overlooked. It should be sought in suitable habitats throughout northern Ohio, especially in the northwest portion.

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