

JUNCUS SECUNDUS Beauv.  
One-sided Rush

FAMILY: Juncaceae

HABIT: Perennial herb to 6 dm., stems loosely cespitose; flowering June-October; fruiting July-October.

SIMILAR SPECIES: *Juncus secundus* is one of the few rushes to have flowers arranged along one side of the branches of the inflorescence. This feature alone, however, is not dependable enough for identification. It is ultimately distinguished by technical characters.

TOTAL RANGE: ME to s. Ont., s. to GA; also s. OH to MO, TN, and AR.

STATE RANGE (as of 2008): Post-1980 records are from Adams, Fairfield, Montgomery, Pike, Ross, Scioto, and Vinton counties. Pre-1980 records exist from Brown, Hocking, Jackson, Jefferson, Meigs, Monroe, Pickaway, Shelby, and Washington counties.

HABITAT: Damp or dry, open situations; in acid, sandy, rocky, or clay soil: prairies, clearings, sandstone cliffs, and along railroads.

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

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

INVENTORY GUIDELINES: Mature fruiting material is needed for positive identification. The shape and color of the leaf sheath-auricles are also important key characters and should be noted.

COMMENTS: It is 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 throughout southern Ohio.

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