

Soft Rush

Juncus effusus var. *effusus*

Juncus effusus var. *solutus*

Additional species:

[*Juncus acuminatus*](#) (Taper-tip rush)

[*Juncus diffusissimus*](#) (Slimpod rush)

Family:

Juncaceae

Lifecycle:

Perennial

Native or Introduced:

Native

Nutrient Removal Rating:

High

Wildlife Value:

High

Invasiveness

Medium

Rooted or Floating:

Rooted

Site Requirements:

Full sun

Maximum Water Depth:

3 inches

Plant Description:

Soft rushes are herbaceous perennials that grow to be 1-4 feet in height. They produce heavily branched rhizomes that aid in formation of large colonies. Culms measure approximately 1/8 inch at sheath tips.

Flowering occurs in summer with fruiting stretching into the late summer and fall. Plants are

found in and along the edges of swamps, marshes, and shallow bodies of water. They can also live in any area with frequently moist soils. The species *Juncus effusus* is quite complex taxonomically. Many varieties have been recognized within the species. *Juncus effusus* var. *effusus* is a shorter variety of the southeastern US while *Juncus effusus* var. *solutus* is taller.

Sources:

Flora of North America (see link below)

Additional reading:

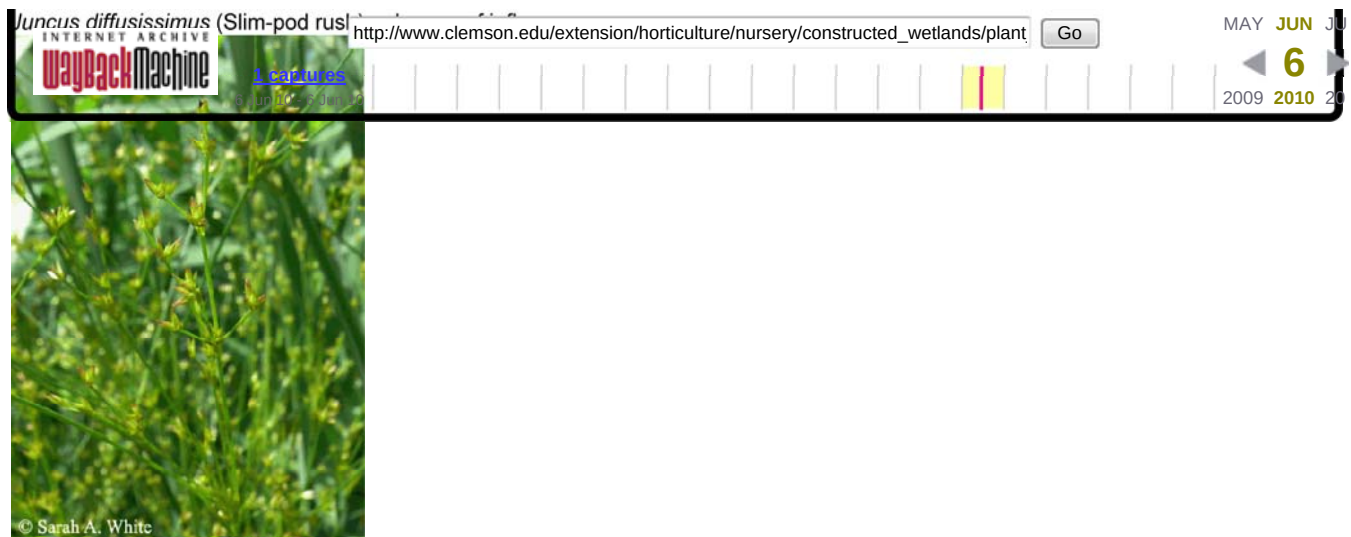
[USDA](#)

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Juncus acuminatus (Taper-tip rush) - closeup of inflorescence (R) and habit (L).





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