



Schoenoplectus validus (River Club Rush)

Habit

A native perennial, erect rush growing between 1.5-3m high. Commonly found growing around the edges of freshwater streams and wetlands in dense stands. Tolerates water depth 0-300mm. Widespread within Australia.

Identifying Features

- Stems are long and thin, bluish-green in colour.
- Stems are filled with spongy pith with numerous small air spaces.
- Leaves are reduced to sheath at the base of the flowering stalk
- Spikelets are small (3-4mm wide and 8-12mm long) and cylindrical.
- Spikelets are rusty brown in colour.
- Flowers in summer till autumn

Notes

Schoenoplectus validus is an attractive tall rush used in constructed wetlands and found along natural streams and swamps.

This species spreads vegetatively and more prone to bird predation than more than some species like *Baumea articulata*.

