

The Good & The Bad

Indigenous: Sea rush (*Juncus kraussii*)

Juncus kraussii (Sea rush) is an indigenous species of rush to the Bellarine Peninsula. It generally grows in coastal saltmarshes.

Key description:

- Forms large clumping tussocks
- Grows to 120cm tall
- Leaves are sharp but unlikely to pierce skin
- Smaller seed capsules 2.5 – 3mm long but contains hundreds of tiny seeds, 0.5 to 1mm long



Invasive: Spiny rush (*Juncus acutus*)

Juncus acutus (Spiny rush) is a highly invasive plant to the Bellarine Peninsula. It occupies moist low lying areas, coastal flats and on disturbed areas such as roadsides.

Key description:

- Forms dense hemispherical tussocks to 150cm tall
- Leaves are very sharp, able to pierce skin
- Comparably large individual fruit capsules (5-6mm long)

Spiny rush is a major emerging problem to the Bellarine Peninsula causing issues such as creating harbour for vermin and outcompeting other vegetation.

