

## JUNCACEAE – RUSH FAMILY

**Plant:** annual or more often perennial

**Stem:** solid or hollow, mostly round or sometimes flat

**Root:**

**Leaves:** mostly linear, sessile, parallel veins, flat or more often round and wiry, usually basal, sheath either closed or overlapping, auricles (ears) often present at leaf-stem junction

**Flowers:** small, 3 sepals and 3 petals (usually dull and look like scales), in single flowers or clusters from the sides of the stem, a leaf-like bract often subtends each cluster or head; mostly perfect, regular (actinomorphic); 3 or 6 stamens; 1 pistil, ovary superior

**Fruit:** capsule with many seeds

**Other:** Monocotyledons Group

**Genera:** 9+ genera

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# Common Rush

*Juncus effusus* L.

Juncaceae – Rush Family

Western Lucas County, Ohio

Notes: stems tall and finely striated; inflorescence seems to be lateral to the stem – actually a single round bract appears as the continuation of the stem above the inflorescence; leaves reduced to merely a basal sheath (no blades); a common rush of wet places usually found in dense clumps, highly variable; summer

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# Torrey's Rush

*Juncus torreyi* Coville

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Notes: stems (culms) tall and stout; inflorescence terminal (an obvious long bract usually present); several heads, spherical, up to ~ 1cm, individual flowers with sepals and petals linear, rigid and sharp pointed; leaves round (terete) and hollow; common in wet areas; summer

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