

Botanical Name: Juncus effusus v. pacificus

Common Name: Wire grass, Rush

Type of Plant: monocot: perennial Character evergreen

Habit of Growth:

Overall Shape a distinctive plant with its clumping habit of many slender, rather stiff, wiry green stems arching upwards and outwards to form rounded or fountain-like shape

Height 2' - 4' Spread equal or more Growth Rate slow

Environment:

Exposure outdoors partial sun or shade; tolerates full sun near the coast

Soil moist, wet soils preferred; tolerates most

Hardiness (zones 4-24): hardy, thrives in shaded low-elevation sites

Morphology:

Leaves tiny, green, flattened; grasslike, sheathing the stem

Flowers tiny clusters of inconspicuous green flowers, in nearly terminal panicles; not horticulturally important

Fruit a tiny capsule

Propagation: seed, division of clump

Usage: a very distinctive small accent shrub, valued for its overall form, for wet shaded habitats (stream bed landscapes, pond-sides, etc.); mid-sized filler

Landscape Care:

Watering regular; thrives in damp locations; can tolerate some drought if grown in shaded habitats

Fertilizing none is required after established

Pruning none

Pests/Diseases relatively free

Special Conditions riparian/meadows coastal mtns, valleys

Origin: So. Calif. Family: Juncaceae