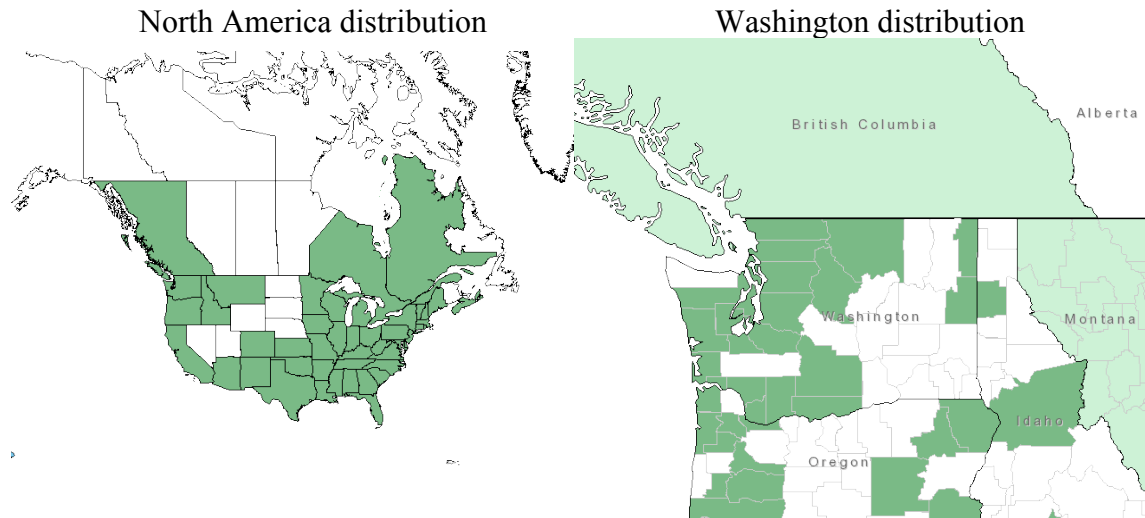


Plant Propagation Protocol for *Juncus acuminatus*

ESRM 412 – Native Plant Production

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Source: USDA Plants database⁽¹⁾

TAXONOMY	
Plant Family	
Scientific Name	Juncaceae
Common Name	Rush
Species Scientific Name	
Scientific Name	<i>Juncus acuminatus</i> Michaux ³
Varieties	
Sub-species	
Cultivar	
Common Synonym(s)	<i>Juncus acuminatus</i> Michx. var. <i>legitimus</i> Engelm. <i>Juncus pondii</i> A. W. Wood ⁴
Common Name(s)	Tapertip rush, ² sharp-fruited rush, knotty-leaved rush ⁶
Species Code (as per USDA Plants database)	JUAC ¹
GENERAL INFORMATION	
Geographical range	Through most of the United States and also eastern and western Canada. It appears everywhere but some central and desert parts of North American (see map above). ¹ In Washington, appears in most western and some central counties as well as the northeastern corner of the state (see map above). ¹ It is also found throughout the western hemisphere, appearing throughout Mexico, Cuba, Costa Rica, Guatemala and Honduras. ⁷
Ecological distribution	Ditches, near lake shores, meadows, wet areas, ⁴

	wetland status: obligate ¹
Climate and elevation range	Elevation is typically less than 500 meters. ⁹
Local habitat and abundance	Appears with other obligate graminoid plants such as <i>Deschampsia cespitosa</i> , <i>Glyceria elata</i> , <i>Carex sitchensis</i> , <i>C. urticulata</i> , <i>C. Obnupta</i> , <i>Myosotis laxa</i> , <i>Typha latifolia</i> , <i>Eleocharis palustris</i> . ¹⁰
Plant strategy type / successional stage	
Plant characteristics	Rush, inconspicuous rootstocks, inflorescence an open panicle 5-15 cm long, oblong seeds, tapering at each end. ⁸
PROPAGATION DETAILS	
Ecotype	
Propagation Goal	Plants ⁵
Propagation Method	Seed ⁵
Product Type	Container (plug) ⁵
Stock Type	
Time to Grow	6 months ⁵
Target Specifications	
Propagule Collection Instructions	Ripe seed is collected in September/October in Western Washington. ⁵
Propagule Processing/Propagule Characteristics	
Pre-Planting Propagule Treatments	Cold/wet stratification for one month. ⁵
Growing Area Preparation / Annual Practices for Perennial Crops	Sow seed into 10 cubic inch tubes filled with Sunshine Mix #1 (0.9 gram seed per rack of 98 tubes). Extend seed with fine sand to make sowing easier. Germination rate is 91%. ⁵
Establishment Phase Details	
Length of Establishment Phase	
Active Growth Phase	Place outside into wet beds to grow to size through the summer. Fertilize with Osmocote Pro 20-4-8 with IBDU in July. Overall success rate is 90%. ⁵
Length of Active Growth Phase	
Hardening Phase	
Length of Hardening Phase	
Harvesting, Storage and Shipping	
Length of Storage	
Guidelines for Outplanting / Performance on Typical Sites	
Other Comments	
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