

*Juncus acutus*

## Southwestern Spiny Rush



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RUSH - perennial.

2 to 4' high.

Large tufts of rigid, spiny, pungent stems. Basal leaves.

Flowers inconspicuous, orange appearance - May to June.

Seed heads more noticeable.

Native habitat: coastal salt marsh - moist saline places and alkaline seeps - from Baja California to San Luis Obispo County, and the Colorado Desert.

Full sun.

Needs wet soil.

Used in wetland revegetation and as formidable pedestrian barrier.

Tough stems used in basketry.

