Ficinia nodosa

Commonly: Knotted Club-rush

Vascular Plant Family: Cyperaceae

Flowers autumn to spring

Ficinia nodosus is perennial sedge up to 1m tall. It typically grows in dense clumps. The stems are rigid, circular or nearly circular in cross section, up to 2.5mm wide. The leaves are reduced to a red or brown sheath at the base of the flowering stem.



The inflorescence is a dense globular head about 2.5cm across of several brown coloured spikelets about 1cm long with numerous flowers.



The stem is continuous above the head as a bract. This is readily seen from the back of the inflorescence.



The spikelets have many bisexual flowers. Each flower consists of 3 stamens and a 3-branched style. The male and female flowers are mature at different times. Below is a photograph of a head where the exserted stamens can be seen. The flowers are wind pollinated, the pollen blowing from the stamens onto the stigmas of the female part of the flower.

