

JUNCUS HOLOSCHOENUS R.Br.

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In last years Journal, No.13, we reported on the finding in Chaney Forest a number of plants of Juncus holoschoenus, a rush that is very rare in the South Island.

We have been advised by the Forestry Division of the Christchurch City Council that it will preserve this rush by setting aside an area permanently for its growth.

In addition the Division proposes to transfer some of the plants of J. holoschoenus to a suitable wet site in the Bottle Lake Forest Park.

We extend our sincere thanks to the officers of the Forestry Division for their helpfulness in preserving this interesting rush.

Our thanks also go to the Division for its decision to set aside a swampy area in Bottle Lake Forest Park as a haven for wet land plants.

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SOME PLANTS FOUND IN SHAKESPEARE

Alfred Maddock

"As blue as Bilberry" (Act 5, Scene 5 of "The Merry Wives of Windsor").

"Lady-Smocks of all silver-white, cuckoo buds of yellow hue, daisies-pied and violets blue" ("Love's Labours Lost", Act 5, Scene 2).

"The cowslips tall her pensioners be; In their goldcoat spots you see" ("A Midsummer-Night's Dream" Act II, Scene 1).

"Now will he sit under a medlar tree" "Thou a poperin pear" (Act II, Scene 2, of "Romeo and Juliet").

"Nightly she sings on yon pomegranate" (Act III, Scene 5, of "Romeo and Juliet").

"And there is pansies, just for thoughts" "And there's fennel for you, and columbines". ("Hamlet, Prince of Denmark" Act IV, Scene 5).

"Of crow-flowers, daisies and long purples". ("Hamlet, Prince of Denmark", Act IV, Scene 7).