Turf community

Description

- An association of numerous species forming short tufts or turfs in shallow water.
- If present, will be found in first few meters depth around lake edge.
- May comprise of only one species or many.
- Turf communities often <10cm in height.

Similar species

Presence in New Zealand

Widespread and common throughout New Zealand.

Management Value

Plant species that make up the turf community in a lake have been identified as a key submerged plant indicator group for the assessement of lake ecological condition using LakeSPI.





Included Species May include:

Glossostigma submersum Glossostigmas elatinoides Lilaeopsis novae-zelandiae Elatine gratioloides Limosella lineata Eleocharis pusilla Isoetes kirkii