

# Native Milfoils

## Description

- Leaves are arranged in whorls of 3-4 leaves around the stem.
- Leaves often have a soft feather like appearance.
- Can form small compact emergent leaves at the top of stems.
- Plants may grow turf-like in shallow water, to 2-3m tall in deeper water.

## Similar species

Not to be confused with *Ceratophyllum demersum*, an invasive plant species which has forked leaves with toothed margins.

## Presence in New Zealand

Widespread throughout New Zealand.

## Management Value

Native milfoils have been identified as key submerged plant indicators for the assessment of lake ecological condition using LakeSPI.



## Included Species

*Myriophyllum triphyllum*

*Myriophyllum propinquum*