



Azolla

Azolla -Frog Porridge

Azolla filiculoides

retoreto, karerarera

Size

Each individual plant is only 1 – 2.5 cm across but the floating mats can be of considerable size.

Habitat

Azolla is a free-floating **fern** found in still, fertile waters.

Growth Habit

Azolla forms floating mats containing thousands of individual plants.

Special Features

- Azolla plants can be pale green to blue-green but frequently take on a red colour.
- Azolla can shade out other plants. Some people use it for stock food.



Azolla and Lemna are often seen floating on ponds