

# RARE FLORA FIND

AFTER beginning the search five years ago for a number of species last described by William Fitzgerald and Cecil Andrews between 1901-1905, it's a pleasure to say that they're all still with us, although some are still in a precarious condition.

Last month, while compiling a road verge report in the Capel area, I chanced upon a population of *Myriophyllum echinatum*.

While not everyone's idea of a magnificent plant, this small aquatic is the last of six such species collected by William Fitzgerald and Cecil Andrews from the Midland area between 1901-1905, and not found since.

Most of these plants, because of the intensive settlement of the coastal plain, were presumed extinct. GREG KEIGHERY