

Asteraceae (Compositae)

Distribution: Endemic to Kiska and Rat Islands of the western Aleutian Islands.

Habitat: Windswept, gravelly fellfields, from 700 to at least 1,200 ft. elevation, commonly associated with *Achillea borealis, Chrysosplenium wrightii, Diapensia lapponica, Lupinus nootkatensis, Saxifraga oppositifolia*, and *Sibbaldia procumbens*. The species occurs as scattered, white, often sterile rosettes on seemingly barren patches between heath vegetation.

Similar Species: Unlikely to be confused with any other species in the Aleutian Islands.

Notes: Only rarely seen in flower.

References: Hultén 1939, 1960, 1968; Murray and Lipkin 1987; Porsild 1944, Talbot 1997.



Closeup of Artemisa aleutica

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Artemisa aleutica habitat

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