



**Distribution:** Restricted to the upper Yukon and Porcupine Rivers in Alaska and Aishihik Lake in the southwest Yukon Territory.

**Habitat:** Steep, dry, south-facing, rubble slopes, outcrops, and at the margins of sparsely vegetated grasslands, 650 ft. - 1,500 ft. elevation (3,000 ft. at Aishihik Lake).

**Similar Species:** This is the only *Eriogonum* native to Alaska and it is unlikely to be confused with any other species here. *Bupleurum americanum* Coult. & Rose (a member of the Apiaceae or Parsley family) also has an umbel of bright yellow flowers and is locally common on some of the same slopes as Yukon buckwheat, but differs in having few basal leaves, many stem leaves, and leaves that are both linear and hairless. Var. *aquilinum* is most closely related to var. *flavum* of Idaho, Montana, and Wyoming, from which it differs by its deeply lobed involucre. *E. jamesii* Benth. var. *xanthum* (Small) Reveal from the southern Rocky Mountains also differs in its involucre, as well as in having a greenish tinge to its tomentum versus a blackish tinge in *E. flavum*.

**Notes:** Flowering late May to early June.

**References:** Batten et al. 1979; Cody 1994, 1996; Hultén 1967, 1968; Murray 1981b; Murray and Lipkin 1987; Parker 1995; Welsh 1974.



*Closeup of Eriogonum flavum*  
*photo by C. Parker*



*Eriogonum flavum habitat* *photo by C.Parker*

