

**Fabaceae**

Distribution: Narrowly endemic to a small stretch of the middle Kobuk River.

Habitat: Sparsely vegetated sand on active dunes, in dune slacks and on sheltered dune slopes. Also in *Dryas* heaths and white spruce woodlands on stabilized sand bordering active dune fields. Rarely on alluvial sand and never on actively flooded sandbars.

Similar Species: The only erect, non-glandular, purple flowered oxytrope along the middle Kobuk River. *O. koyukukensis* A. E. Porsild (found elsewhere in northern Alaska) differs in its more capitate inflorescence with more (10-14) and larger (up to 20 mm long) flowers and in lacking the distinctive purplish stipules of *O. kobukensis*. Superficially similar to *Hedysarum* spp.

Notes: Flowering late June-July.

References: Hultén 1968; Lipkin 1985a; Welsh 1967, 1991.



Oxytropis kobukensis
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Oxytropis kobukensis habitat photo by R. Lipkin

