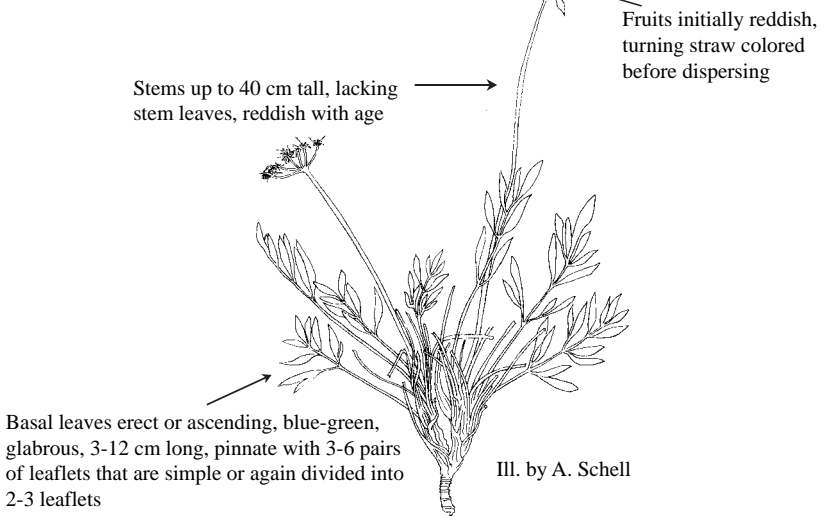


Yukon podistera

Podistera yukonensis

Mathias & Constance

Numerous small, white to yellowish-white flowers in the umbellate arrangement characteristic of the family



Tufted perennial herb with a branched caudex from a stout elongate taproot

Apiaceae

Distribution: Endemic to the upper Yukon River region between McQuesten, Yukon Territory, and Circle, Alaska.

Habitat: Dry, mostly south-facing, rubble slopes, rock ledges, and grasslands, from 1,000 - 4,000 ft. elevation (7,500 ft. in Canada).

Similar Species: Unlikely to be confused with any other species in Alaska. *P. macounii* (Coult. & Rose) Mathias & Const. (= *Ligusticum mutellinoides* ssp. *alpinum* (Ledeb.) Thell.) differs in its smaller size and deeply divided (rather than entire) leaflets. *Bupleurum americanum* Coult. & Rose has entire leaves and yellow flowers.

Notes: Flowering June.

References: Batten et al 1979; Cody 1994, 1996; Hultén 1968; Mathias and Constance 1959; Murray and Lipkin 1987; Parker 1995.



Closeup of Podistera yukonensis

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Podistera yukonensis habitat

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