



Perennial taprooted herb up to 3 cm tall, densely caespitose or matted

**Saxifragaceae**

**Distribution:** Endemic to the central and western Aleutian Islands.

**Habitat:** Windswept, ridges and summits, in fine and coarse scree to at least 2,000 ft. elevation. Found in prostrate shrub-herbaceous tundra.

**Similar Species:** Unlikely to be confused with any other saxifrage species in the Aleutian Islands. *Saxifraga serpyllifolia* Pursh is much more loosely tufted, with distinctly yellow flowers on elongated stems and more narrowly spatulate leaves. *Diapensia lapponica* L. can have a similar growth form, but its leaves are distinctly one-nerved and it has large white flowers.

**Notes:** One of a series of distinctive Aleutian endemic species whose closest relatives are in the Himalaya.

**References:** Hultén 1936, 1960, 1968; Murray 1980, Welsh 1974.

