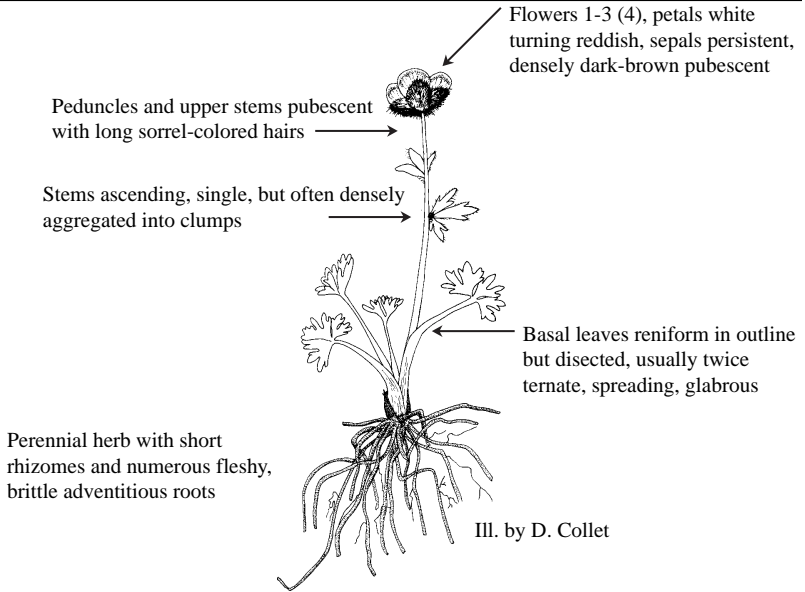


## Alaskan glacier buttercup

## *Beckwithia glacialis*

(L.) A. & D. Löve ssp. *alaskensis* Jurtz., D. Murray and S. Kelso in ed.



## Ranunculaceae

**Distribution:** Endemic to the Kigluaik Mountains of the Seward Peninsula.

**Habitat:** Sparsely vegetated high-alpine rubble slopes and screes from 900 - 3,000 ft. elevation. Found on steep non-carbonate slopes with shattered, platy, shale-like or schistose rock; commonly associated with *Papaver mcconellii* (= *P. denalii*), *Oxytropis bryophila*, *Minuartia arctica*, and *Carex microchaeta*.

**Similar Species:** Similar to *B. camissonis* (Schlecht.) Tolm. (= *Ranunculus glacialis* ssp. *camissonis*) which is found in moist to wet tundra and disturbed seeps, and which usually has more slender and erect stems, solitary flowers, and basal leaves that are once ternate, upward-directed, and with narrower segments.

**Notes:** Flowering late June and July. Most American authors treat *Beckwithia* within the genus *Ranunculus*. If treated this way, *B. glacialis* ssp. *alaskensis* would become a subspecies of *R. glacialis* L.

**References:** Yurtsev, Murray, and Kelso, in prep.



*Closeup of Beckwithia glacialis*  
photo by R.Lipkin



*Beckwithia glacialis habitat*  
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