

## ALPINE BENT GRASS, MOUNTAIN BENTGRASS

*Podagrostis humilis*

Grass Family (Poaceae)

**Synonyms:** *Agrostis humilis*; *A. thurberiana*; *Podagrostis thurberiana*

**Habitat:** Open graminoid or herbaceous meadows in alpine/subalpine zones

### DISTRIBUTION

**Yukon:** Southwest Yukon; known only from Kluane National Park

**North America:** Western North America, Alaska-Nevada; Cordilleran

**World:** Western North America

### CONSERVATION RANK

**Global rank:** Secure (G5)

**Canadian rank:** Apparently Secure (N4)

**Yukon rank:** Imperilled to Vulnerable (S2S3)

**Distinguishing features:** A caespitose grass of the alpine/subalpine with relatively closed purplish panicle. It is separated from *Agrostis* sp. on the basis of relatively long palea and the elongation of the rachis beyond the base of the floret. It differs from *Calamagrostis* by its poorly developed callus hairs and awns.



YG photo

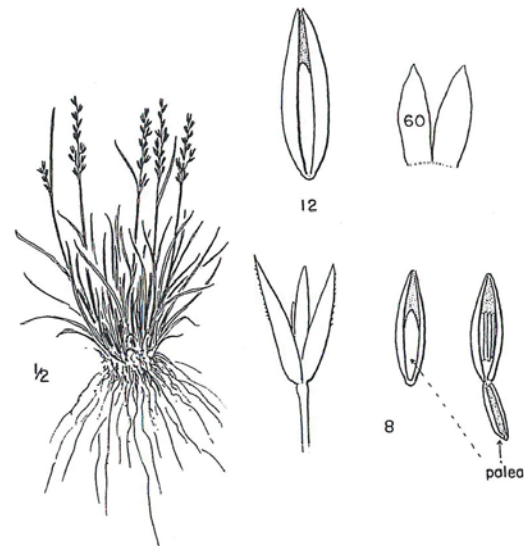
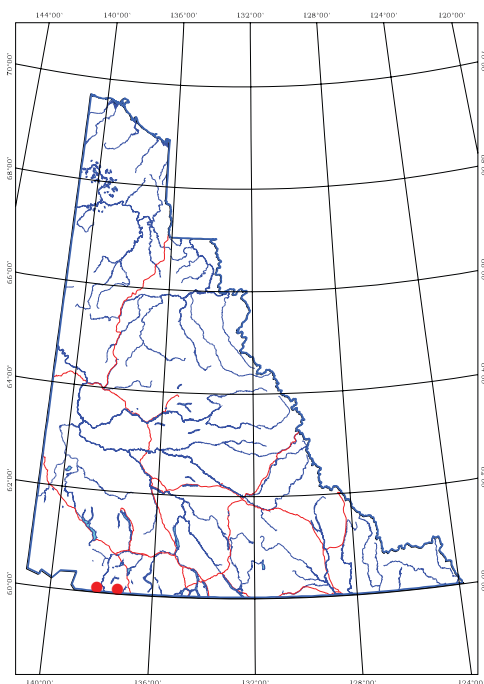


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