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Response to request #1, from Bruce Hollen, CH2MHILL for information on the Point Thomson vegetation map. Map production methods are presented in our project report, as are complete descriptions of vegetation categories. A copy of this report is included with the data deliverable.

- Ground-based data were collected, and used to produce the map. An accuracy assessment based on this same data is also presented in the project report. Accuracy at Level B was 93%, and accuracy at Level C was 85%. Please note that independent data was not collected for an assessment of map accuracy. All coastal areas covered by the original mapping were visited, and delineations for habitats not clearly visible in the aerial photography (extents of *Arctophila fulva*, and *Carex/Puccinellia* salt marshes) were drawn in the field. No ground-based data were collected for the area of the map extension along the proposed pipeline corridor to the Badami Development.
- Emergent *Arctophila fulva* is represented by Class IIb and Class IIc. Because these classes may also contain emergent *Carex aquatilis*, a conservative approach is to assume that either of these cases may represent emergent *Arctophila fulva* wetlands.
- Salt-affected habitats are represented by Classes IIIb, IXh, and IXi (yellow and orange on the map). All arctic salt marsh habitats are contained within either Class IIIb (Wet Tundra) or IXh (Partially Vegetated) depending on the amount of total vegetation cover at the area.

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Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA
Bare Ground	BARE
Bare rock	ROCK
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP
<i>Carex subspathaceae</i>	CASU
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR
<i>Chrysanthemum arcticum</i>	CHAR
<i>Chrysanthemum integrifolia</i>	CHIN
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF
Crustose Lichen	CRLI
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	DISP
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN
<i>Dupontia fischeri</i>	DUFI
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	FUHY
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	GEGL
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO
Grass	GRAS

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code
<i>Honckenya peplodes</i>	HOPE
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE
Lichens	LICH
Litter	LITT
Liverwort	LIVE
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP
<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>	MIOB
Moss	MOSS
Mud	MUD
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC
Standing Dead	STDE
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI
Standing Water	WATER
Unidentified forb	FORB

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ABSTRACT

Vegetation in a portion of the Point Thomson Unit Area was classified and mapped from aerial photographs to assist with placement of facilities and to assess potential impacts to the vegetation from construction. Land cover/vegetation was classified using a hierarchical scheme designed specifically for the North Slope of Alaska. Vegetation type, soil moisture regime, and landform data collected from 322 ground reference sites between 27 July 1998 and 7 August 1998 were used to construct the map. Cover types were identified and delineated from 1:7,200-scale color infrared aerial photographs taken by Aeromap U.S., Inc. on 3 July 1993. Overlays were projected, scaled and fit to 1:6,000-scale basemaps. A total area of 32,750.6 acres was mapped.

Key Words: land cover map, hierarchical classification system, polygonal habitat map, tundra vegetation, arctic tundra, Flaxman Island Quadrangle, Alaska.

INTRODUCTION

Vegetation along the coast from Point Hopson to the Staines River and south along a corridor paralleling the river (including the Sourdough #2 and Sourdough #3 exploration sites) within the Point Thomson Unit area was classified and mapped to assist with facilities placement and impact assessment from development (Figure 1). Aerial photographs were used to delineate land-cover/vegetation according to a hierarchical scheme designed specifically for the North Slope of Alaska (Walker 1983). Ground-reference vegetation data collected at 326 sites between 24 July and 7 August 1998 was used to construct the map.

METHODS

Walker's (1983) classification scheme describes vegetation and land-cover at four levels: Level A—for very small scale maps, Level B—for cover units that can be consistently classified from LANDSAT data, Level C—for photo-interpreted maps with ground truth data, and Level D—for individual plant communities as determined by ground surveys (Table 1). Sites are categorized with respect to site moisture regime and dominant plant growth forms (landform type is used when plant cover is sparse or non-existent). Site moisture is determined at the end of the growing season using the subjective categories of dry, moist, wet, or aquatic. Dominant plant growth forms depend on site moisture and landform type. Many North Slope sites consist of complexes of landforms, which result in complexes of site moisture and vegetation types. In

such sites, moisture and plant-growth-form terms are combined to more accurately describe the area.

Vegetation types were identified and delineated from 1:7,200-scale color infrared aerial photographs taken by Aeromap U.S., Inc. on 19 July 1997. Natural-color 1:18,000-scale aerial photographs taken by Aeromap U.S. 3 July 1993, were used to assist with classification. Cover types were delineated on acetate overlays of the photos, then projected and scaled to basemaps using a Kargl Reflecting Projector (Keuffel & Esser Co.). Delineations were transferred to acetate overlays referenced to 1:6,000-scale basemaps. Polygons and line work for lakes, ponds and streams were copied from the 1:6,000-scale digital basemaps, which were augmented or corrected where necessary. Cover types were then digitized, polygons and regions constructed, and classifications added to a Geographic Information System (GIS) database. Areas covered by each vegetation type were calculated with the GIS.

Ground-reference data were collected at 322 sites in the project area between 24 July and 7 August 1998 (Figure 1). Data consisted of three cover estimates of the dominant plant taxa using a one-half m² circle (Mueller-Dombois and Ellenberg 1974) and descriptions of the site moisture regime and landform. Bryophyte and lichen taxa were identified to species when possible (Vitt et al. 1988). Plant nomenclature follows Hultén (1968) except for *Salix planifolia* sp. *pulchra*. For continuity with Walker's classifications, *Dryas integrifolia* is considered a shrub, although Hultén (1968) categorizes it as a forb. All mapped areas were visited and reference sites were positioned near the center of vegetation communities. Global positioning system (GPS) locations were recorded with a minimum objective of 300 positions. GPS positions were corrected differentially, by post-processing, using base station data from the Central, Alaska or Fairbanks, Alaska, Continuously Operating Reference Station (CORS), National Geodetic Survey, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Positions were then averaged to give the site location. GPS was not available for a few sites and these were registered and digitized from field drawn acetate overlays.

Ground-reference data were compared to color infrared and natural color photographs to assist in photo-interpretation. Land cover categories were determined by fitting field descriptions of plant communities and landforms into the land cover/vegetation categories described for the North Slope as a whole by Walker (1983; 1985a,b) and Walker and Acevedo (1987). Land cover types were mapped and labeled at Level C (Table 1).

RESULTS

The hierarchical vegetation and land cover categories for the PTUA vegetation/land cover map (pocket) are listed in Table 1 and on the map legend. Vegetation types were mapped at Level C. Detailed information for all ground reference sites in the PTUA is presented in Appendix A. A description of the landforms and dominant vascular plant taxa commonly found in each category in the PTUA map area is given below.

Ia. Water

Depicts all the open water that could be reasonably mapped at the 1:6000 scale including ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, and saltwater. This category includes water of all depths, usually without emergent vegetation (see IIb below). Water covers 14518.8 acres or 44.3% of the mapped area (Table 2).

IIb. Aquatic Graminoid Tundra

Depicts areas of permanent fresh water where emergent vegetation is present (Figure 2a). In deeper water these simple plant communities are dominated by *Arctophila fulva*, and in shallower water by *Carex aquatilis* with lesser amounts of *Eriophorum angustifolium* and *E. scheuchzeri*. This category grades continuously into wet sedge tundra vegetation (IIIa), but is distinguished by the presence of permanent water. Aquatic graminoid tundra is common in the shallow waters of ponds and lakes, and slow moving streams. It is especially common in lakes and ponds with complex, irregular shorelines. It also occurs in very wet low-centered polygon basins. On aerial photographs aquatic graminoid tundra is often difficult to distinguish from both open water (when the density of plants is low), and from wet sedge tundra (at the edges of ponds and lakes). Therefore only the relatively obvious and/or large occurrences of this vegetation type were mapped. This type covers 174.8 acres or 0.5% of the mapped area (Table 2). This vegetation type is considered high-value bird habitat and is used extensively for nesting and brood-rearing. Many bird species eat *Arctophila fulva* and the nearby open water provides important escape habitat for young and adults.

IIc. Water/Tundra Complex

Depicts areas where ponds/lakes are interconnected to form a complex of water and intervening tundra (not pictured). Water is the dominant land cover category but large areas of emergent vegetation occur in the water bodies. Intervening tundra is usually wet, but moist

microsites also occur. Plant communities are primarily those listed in (IIb), with lesser amounts of those listed in (IIIa) and (Va). In the mapped area, this type covers 163.1 acres or 0.5% of the mapped area (Table 2). As in class IIb this landcover type is used extensively by birds for nesting and brood-rearing.

IIIa. Wet Sedge Tundra

This category depicts tundra areas that have poor drainage and standing water during the early part of the summer (Figure 2b). These sites typically drain or evaporate by the end of the season. Soils remain saturated throughout the summer and standing water may remain in wet summers. The sedges *Carex aquatilis*, *C. rotundata*, *C. saxatilis*, *Eriophorum angustifolium*, and *E. russeolum* dominate these areas. Along the coast the grass *Dupontia fischeri* is often co-dominant with the sedges. Common forbs in this type include *Pedicularis sudetica*, *Saxifraga hirculus*, and *Melandrium apetalum*. Wet sedge tundra commonly occurs on non-patterned ground, in low-centered polygon basins, and in troughs between strangmoor ridges. It is also common at the edges of ponds and lakes, along streams, in drained lake basins. As a mapped unit wet sedge tundra was used only in areas where patterned ground was non-existent or poorly developed (i.e., where moist microsites are not prominent in the unit). Wet sedge tundra covers 980.4 acres or 3.0% of the mapped area (Table 2). This type is used by tundra nesting birds and provides foraging habitat for caribou in the area.

IIIb. Wet Graminoid Tundra

This category represents the low-growing, coastal saltmarsh vegetation (Figure 2c). The plant cover is dominated by salt tolerant graminoid species such as *Puccinellia phryganodes*, *Carex subspathacea*, and *C. ursina*. The forbs, *Stellaria humifusa* and *Cochlearia officinalis*, are also common, and the grass *Dupontia fischeri* occurs in less wet microsites. Wet graminoid tundra is most commonly found at the mouths of streams and rivers, but also occurs in low lying areas frequently inundated by saltwater. Salt marsh covers 380.9 acres or 1.2% of mapped area (Table 2). This type is considered high-value wildlife habitat. It is particularly important for geese who feed extensively on the *Puccinellia* plants and for shorebirds that feed on a multitude of invertebrate species found in these areas.

IIIc. Wet Sedge Tundra/Water Complex

This category is similar to (IIId), depicting areas where ponds/lakes are interconnected to form a complex of water and intervening tundra (not pictured). However, wet sedge tundra (IIIa)

is the dominant land cover category, and there is typically little or no emergent vegetation in the water bodies. Intervening tundra is primarily wet, but moist sites also occur. Plant communities present are primarily those listed in (IIIa), but those listed in (Va) may also occur. Small patches of vegetation type (IIb) may also occur sporadically. This complex covers 173.5 acres or 0.5% of the mapped area (Table 2). Like types IIb and IIc this vegetation type provides nesting habitat near open water which is favored as escape habitat.

IIIc. Wet Sedge/Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra Complex

This category depicts areas dominated by wet sedge tundra (IIIa) where prominent patterned ground features like low-centered polygons and strangmoor create abundant moist sites (Figure 2d). The better-drained polygon rims and strangmoor ridges are dominated by moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra (Va). In the PTUA map area there are also occasional small patches of aquatic graminoid tundra (IIb) in this category. Many of these are too small to map at the 1:6000 scale. This vegetation type is common in drained lake basins and on poorly drained river terraces, covering 5,610.1 acres or 17.1% of the mapped area (Table 2).

IIIe. Wet Sedge/Moist Sedge/Barren Complex (wet frost-scar tundra complex)

This category depicts areas dominated by wet sedge and moist sedge tundra that have extensive barren areas caused by frost-scarring. Like IIIc the better-drained areas are dominated by moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra (Va). Wetter areas are similar in vegetation to type IIb. Plant taxa are similar to category (Va), but within the frost boils barren areas or dry partially vegetated communities occur dominated by species such as *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Dryas integrifolia*, *Chrysanthemum integrifolium*, *Petasites frigidus*, and *Arctagrostis latifolia* (Walker and Acevedo 1987). This vegetation type covered 158.4 acres or 0.5% of the mapped area.

IVa. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub/Wet Graminoid Tundra Complex

This category depicts areas of patterned ground dominated by moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra (Va), with abundant low-lying areas dominated by wet sedge tundra (IIIa) (Figure 2e). In the PTUA map area this category represents large areas of mixed high- and low-centered polygons often with extensively thermokarsted polygon troughs, occurring with numerous small ponds and lakes. It also refers to areas of weakly developed strangmoor where the moist ridges are dominant. Also within this category are areas of high-centered polygons dominated by dry, dwarf shrub, fruticose lichen tundra (Vd), especially among clusters of ponds and lakes. As in category (IIIc) there are occasional small patches of aquatic graminoid tundra (IIb) within this

category. This vegetation type covers large expanses of open tundra in the PTUA map area, and is common in the drier portions of drained lake. This complex covers 3,366.2 acres or 10.3% of the mapped area (Table 2). This type covers large areas of the PTUA and provides habitat for tundra-nesting birds and foraging areas for caribou.

Va. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra

This category depicts areas of typical high-centered polygons with distinct polygon troughs, as well as areas of rather subtle high-centered and low-centered polygons with very little development of the polygon troughs (i.e. flat-topped polygons) (Figure 2f). Wet microsites occur in polygon troughs, but overall drainage is good and the dominant landform is the moist polygon centers. *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Carex misandra*, *C. aquatilis*, *C. bigelowii*, and *C. atrofusca* dominate these sites in the PTUA. Tussock forming *Eriophorum vaginatum* occurs sporadically, especially inland, but is not common enough for a separate tussock sedge designation. The common dwarf shrubs are *Salix pulchra*, *S. arctica*, *S. reticulata*, and *Dryas integrifolia*. Common forbs include *Polygonum viviparum*, *Pedicularis kanei*, *Stellaria laeta*, and *Saxifraga hirculus*. Toward the coast *Poa arctica*, *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Carex aquatilis*, *Luzula arctica*, *Salix rotundifolia*, *S. phlebophylla*, *S. pulchra*, and *Saxifraga cernua* dominate this land cover type. Moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra typically occurs across broad expanses of open tundra above the level of water bodies and drained lake basins. This type covers 3,773.5 acres or 11.5% of the mapped area (Table 2). This type provides foraging for caribou particularly in areas dominated by *Eriophorum vaginatum*.

Vc. Dry Dwarf Shrub, Crustose Lichen Tundra

This category depicts well-drained areas that are often blown free of snow during the winter (Figure 2g). The vegetation is typical of pingos on the North Slope and is characterized by a conspicuous mat of *Dryas integrifolia*, with other dominants such as *Salix rotundifolia*, *S. phlebophylla*, *S. reticulata*, *Carex rupestris*, *Oxytropis nigrescens*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Papaver lapponicum*, *Astragalus umbellatus*, *Pedicularis kanei*, and *Silene acaulis* (Walker and Acevedo 1987). This vegetation type has high species diversity and typically has a large proportion of exposed mineral soil covered with crustose lichens. This type covers 639.0 acres or 2.0% of the mapped area (Table 2). Landforms (pingos) associated with this vegetation type provide denning habitat for small mammals and depending upon the amount of relief, large mammal dens may also be present. The large number of forbs makes these areas important foraging sites for many animal species.

Vd. Dry Dwarf Shrub, Fruticose Lichen Tundra

This category depicts areas of well-drained, dry, high-centered polygons with well-developed polygon troughs (not pictured). There are often moist and wet microsites in the polygon troughs, but the dominant landform is the dry polygon centers. The category also refers to well-drained sloping banks with reticulate patterned ground. The dwarf shrubs *Salix rotundifolia*, *S. phlebophylla*, *S. reticulata*, *S. pulchra*, *Dryas integrifolia*, *Cassiope tetragona*, and *Vaccinium vitis-idea* dominate these acidic sites in the PTUA. Common graminoids include *Carex misandra*, *C. membranacea*, *C. bigelowii*, *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Luzula arctica*, and *Poa arctica*. Forbs are also common including *Saxifraga punctata*, *S. hieracifolia*, *Pedicularis kanei*, *Polygonum bistorta*, *Pyrola grandiflora*, *Papaver macounii*, and *Senecio atropurpureus*. Like category (Vc) these sites have high species diversity and a large proportion of exposed soil covered with lichens. However, in this category the exposed soil is primarily peat and many of the lichens are fruticose. In the PTUA, this type grades continuously into typical moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra (category Va), but in general (Vd) occurs in the better-drained and drier sites. This type (Vd) is common on tundra plateaus above stream and river channels, at the margins of drained lake basins, and on reticulate patterned slopes where snow-banks occur during the winter. This type covers 92.9 acres or 0.3% of the mapped area (Table 2). Stream and river plateaus are used extensively as denning habitat by fox, bear, weasel and small mammals (ground squirrels, lemmings, and voles). Many animals use riparian habitat for foraging and as travel corridors, particularly along the major stream courses.

Ve. Moist Graminoid, Dwarf Shrub Tundra/Barren Complex

This category depicts areas of typical moist sedge, dwarf shrub tundra (Va) that have numerous frost boils or frost scars (Figure 2h). Plant taxa are similar to category (Va), but within the frost boils barren areas or dry partially vegetated communities occur dominated by species such as *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Dryas integrifolia*, *Chrysanthemum integrifolium*, *Petasites frigidus*, and *Arctagrostis latifolia* (Walker and Acevedo 1987). This vegetation type is common in the PTUA in open tundra near stream and river terraces. This type covers 1,190.9 acres or 3.6% of the mapped area (Table 2).

IXb. Dry Barren/Dwarf Shrub, Forb Grass Complex

This category represents partially vegetated river bars with gravel substrates elevated slightly above the active river channels (Figure 2i). The substrates are flooded very infrequently. These areas are floristically diverse, perhaps even surpassing the dry vegetation types (Vc) and

(Vd) in species number. Common taxa include *Dryas integrifolia*, *Salix rotundifolia*, *S. phlebophylla*, *S. reticulata*, *S. ovalifolia*, *Astragalus alpinus*, *Potentilla biflora*, *Arnica frigida*, *Artemisia arctica*, *Papaver lapponicum*, *Epilobium latifolium*, *Aster sibiricus*, *Deschampsia caespitosa*, *Alopecurus alpinus*, *Poa glauca*, *Arctagrostis latifolia*, and *Trisetum spicatum*. The threatened vascular plant, *Thlaspi arcticum*, occurs in this vegetation type along the Kuparuk River to the west of Prudhoe Bay (Walker 1985b). In the PTUA map area 167.0 acres or 0.5% of the land cover is designated IXb. Partially vegetated river bars are used extensively by caribou, moose and bear for foraging and may also (depending upon location) provide insect relief habitat for caribou.

IXf. Dry Barren/Dwarf Shrub, Grass Complex

This category represents a partially vegetated sand dune steppe community. A typical community description is dry *Artemisia borealis*, *A. glomerata*, *Deschampsia caespitosa*, *Trisetum spicatum* dwarf shrub, grass tundra. This sand dune community was found in a limited area on Flaxman Island and is 4.7 acres or <0.1 % of the mapped area.

IXh. Wet Barren/Wet Sedge Tundra Complex

This category depicts arctic saltmarsh with only partial plant cover (as compared to category IIIb) (Figure 2j). Typically large patches of open wet mud are interspersed with salt tolerant plants. This complex covers 205.4 acres or 0.6% of the mapped area (Table 2). As described in class IIIb these areas are used extensively by wildlife (particularly geese and shorebirds) and form part of the saltmarsh complex that is considered “high-value” habitat.

IXi. Dry Barren/Forb, Graminoid Complex

This coastal complex is subject to intermittent inundation by saltwater (Figure 2k). The original tundra vegetation has been killed and these sites are now dominated by a sparse cover of salt tolerant species including *Stellaria humifusa*, *Cochlearia officinalis*, *Puccinellia andersonii*, *P. phryganodes*, and *Carex ursina*. *Salix ovalifolia*, *Sedum rosea*, and *Artemisia arctica*, which are typical of disturbed tundra sites, are also commonly present. This vegetation type is commonly found in close association with arctic saltmarsh (vegetation types IIIb and IXh), but usually on higher better-drained ground. This complex covers 551.8 acres or 1.7 % of the mapped area (Table 2).

Xa. River Gravels/Beaches

This category represents unvegetated gravels in active river channels and on beaches (Figure 2l). However, there can be a very sparse plant cover (< 30 percent) of vegetation type IXc. This category grades continuously into category IXc, and covers 163.3 acres or 0.5% of the mapped area (Table 2). While this landcover type is unvegetated river gravel bars are often used as insect avoidance habitat by caribou.

Xc. Barren Gravel Outcrops

This category depicts partially vegetated gravel spill areas with plant cover less than 30%. Class Xc in the PTUA map area includes washout zones next to exploratory pads. A total of 4.8 acres or <0.1% of the map area is classed as barren gravel outcrops (Table 2).

Xe. Gravel Roads and Pads

This category refers to exploratory pads constructed in the Point Thomson Area. These areas are mostly devoid of vegetation. A total of 66.6 acres or 0.2% of the map area is gravel roads and pads (Table 2).

XIa. Wet Mud

This category depicts drained lakes and ponds (not pictured). In some areas the mud surface is actually dry. These areas are usually unvegetated but may contain scattered individuals of species such as *Deschampsia caespitosa* and *Senecio congestus*. Wet mud covers 351.1 acres or 1.1% of the mapped area (Table 2).

XIc. Bare Peat

This category refers to areas of peat soils devoid of vegetation. These are usually barren coastal areas caused by storm surges or lake-margins where erosional processes have scoured the peat. Bare peat covers 13.3 acres or <0.1% of the mapped area.

DISCUSSION

The PTUA map area is located primarily on the ancient Canning River alluvial fan. It is the physical environment that controls most plant growth and establishment. Geomorphic processes are responsible for initiating open habitats for colonization and succession. Wind oriented lakes dominate the Canning River coastal zone and the area west of the alluvial fan which starts at the southern limit to Mikkelsen bay. Thaw lakes are less common on the Canning River inland fan zone where the dominant soil types are coarser.

The shallow thaw-lakes of the northern coastal plain follow a cyclic pattern of formation and drainage. Thaw-lakes originate from low-center polygons and tundra ponds by wind-driven thermokarst erosion during the warm season (Britton 1957, Carson and Hussey 1961, Billings and Peterson 1980). Lakes grow and coalesce until they are captured by a stream and drain. Following drainage the wet basins are colonized, within a few years, by pioneer graminoid plant and moss species (Ovendon 1986). Through time the floristic composition of the basins changes gradually while the ice-wedge polygonization in the permafrost of the underlying sediments reasserts itself near the surface. One result of this reassertion is the appearance of low center polygons, which is followed by erosion of the polygon rims and the beginning of a new cycle. Initial plant invaders and successional sequences vary within and between regions due to localized aspects of the physical environment. For instance the degree of drainage varies considerably between individual basins and even within a single basin.

The project area has been described as lowland loess with wet minerotrophic tundra (Carter 1988, Walker and Everett 1991). Calcareous loess (pH 6.0 to 8.4) downwind of the Canning River favors the development of minerotrophic plant communities (Walker and Everett 1991). The soils in this region have a relatively high silt content, high pH and lower organic material content when compared with acidic regions of the coastal plain (Tedrow 1977, Gersper et al. 1980). As a consequence of the lowered organic content of the soil, water retention increases downwind from the river. The higher mineral content increases bulk density in the soils, which in turn decreases the insulating capacity of the soil and generally results in a greater summer depth of thaw. Loess deposition also influences soil nutrient availability directly by mineral additions and indirectly by altering the cation exchange capacity (CEC). The high deposition of loess downwind from the Canning River acts to maintain the vegetation in an early successional state (Walker and Everett 1991).

Vegetation and soils in the area are strongly controlled by microscale topographic variation. Dry sites occur on stabilized dunes, pingos and some well drained river terraces.

These sites typically have mineral soils, which thaw to depths greater than 1 meter and are rarely saturated at 30 cm depths (Walker and Everett 1991). A discontinuous mat of prostrate shrubs and cushion plants (*Dryas integrifolia*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Oxytropis nigrescens*), a few sedges (mostly *Carex rupestris*) and erect dicots (like *Draba alpina*, *Chrysanthemum integrifolium*, and *Papaver lapponicum*) characterize the vegetation on the driest, snow-free sites. Slightly moister sites or those with more disturbance are more species rich in sedges (particularly *Eriophorum angustifolium* and *Carex biglowii*). In areas of intense disturbance the soil may be lacking vegetation or be covered with crustose lichens (particularly *Lepraria neglecta*).

Moist tundra microsites are polygon rims, tops of poorly developed high-centered polygons, low hummocks and strangs in wet areas and well-drained terrain along streams and the lower gentle slopes of pingos. Moist sites drain of water soon after spring runoff. These sites are dominated by sedges (*Eriophorum angustifolium* var. *triste*, and/or *Carex aquatilis*, *C. bigelowii*, *C. membranacea*, and *C. misandra*) and dwarf shrubs (*Dryas integrifolia*, *Salix arctica*, and *S. reticulata*). The primary erect dicotyledons are *Chrysanthemum integrifolium*, *Senecio atropurpureus*, *Pedicularis lanata*, *P. capitata*, *Polygonum viviparum* and *Papaver macounii*.

Wet sedge tundra is associated with poorly drained areas that usually have standing water for at least the early part of the summer. Typical microsites for wet tundra include the basins and troughs of low-centered polygons, the margins of ponds, lakes and streams, and the intermittent wet areas of drained thaw-lake basins. While some sites drain during dry periods late in the summer the soils remain saturated at all times. *Carex aquatilis* is the most common sedge in the wet site vegetation but *Eriophorum angustifolium*, *Dupontia fisheri*, *C. rotundata*, *C. atrofusca*, *C. saxatilis* and *E. russeolum* are also common. There are relatively few scattered dwarf-shrubs (*Salix lanata*, *S. arctica*) and forbs (*Pedicularis sudetica*, *Saxifraga hirculis*, *Silene acaulis*, and *Cardamine pratensis*). Walker (1985) also recognizes a somewhat wetter sedge tundra, which has up to 10 cm of standing water throughout the summer and is transitional between the wet and aquatic tundra types. *Carex aquatilis*, *C. rotundata* and *Eriophorum angustifolium* as well as the blue-green alga *Nostoc commune* dominate this type.

Communities of emergent vegetation are found in areas that are covered with 10 -100 cm of water throughout the summer. Microsites typical of aquatic tundra include protected embayments of lakes and ponds, small beaded ponds in tundra streams and deep low centered polygon basins. *Carex aquatilis*, *Eriophorum scheuchzeri*, and *Caltha palustris* dominate sites with up to 30 cm of water. These sites occur in the shallow margins of lakes, and especially in the partially drained lake basins with complex terrain of polygon rims, islands and strangmoor. In water up to 1 meter deep a distinct community composed almost exclusively of the grass

Arctophila fulva occurs. This community is especially common in partially drained thaw-lake basins with protected embayments.

Along the coast extensive areas of salt marsh are dominated by salt tolerant graminoids including *Puccinellia phryganodes*, *Carex subspathaceae*, *Carex ursina*, and *Puccinellia langeana*. Salt-tolerant forbs are also present in these areas (primarily *Cerastium beringianum* and *Chochlearia officinalis*). Species diversity increases in areas that are less salt effected with stands of early successional tundra grasses like *Dupontia fischeri*.

The PTUA Development Project area is characterized by large expanses of moist sedge, wet sedge, and dwarf shrub dominated tundra (primarily *Carex*, *Eriophorum*, and *Salix* spp.) interrupted by areas of drier, well-drained tundra, thaw-lakes and ponds, drained lake basins, and several small streams. Along the coast, 1 to 2 m high eroding bluffs and beaches alternate with lower tundra areas influenced by occasional saltwater intrusion. Smaller areas of sand dunes and sandy spits also occur along with estuaries at the mouths of streams and rivers. Along the streams are wet and moist tundra types (on terraces), and dry, partially vegetated gravel bars. Barren gravels are present in active stream channels. Drier vegetation types typically occur on well-drained plateaus above streams, at the margins of drained lake basins, and in small patches scattered throughout the area. Thaw-lakes and ponds, particularly those with irregular shorelines, support emergent vegetation (dominated by *Arctophila fulva* and *Carex aquatilis*) in the shallow water margins. Drained lake basins may contain non-patterned ground, low-centered ice-wedge polygons, and strangmoor in complex mosaics that can include smaller thaw-lakes and ponds all within a single larger drained basin.

The PTUA Development land cover map is based on photo-interpretation supported by ground-reference data. The accuracy of this vegetation map has not been assessed, all ground-reference data was used to construct and correct the current map. Independent ground-reference data are required to assess map accuracy. In a few cases a combination of narrow polygon delineations and inaccurate GPS positions (suspected reflectance interference in one case) led to discrepancies between the ground-reference site and the map classification. These sites were repositioned.

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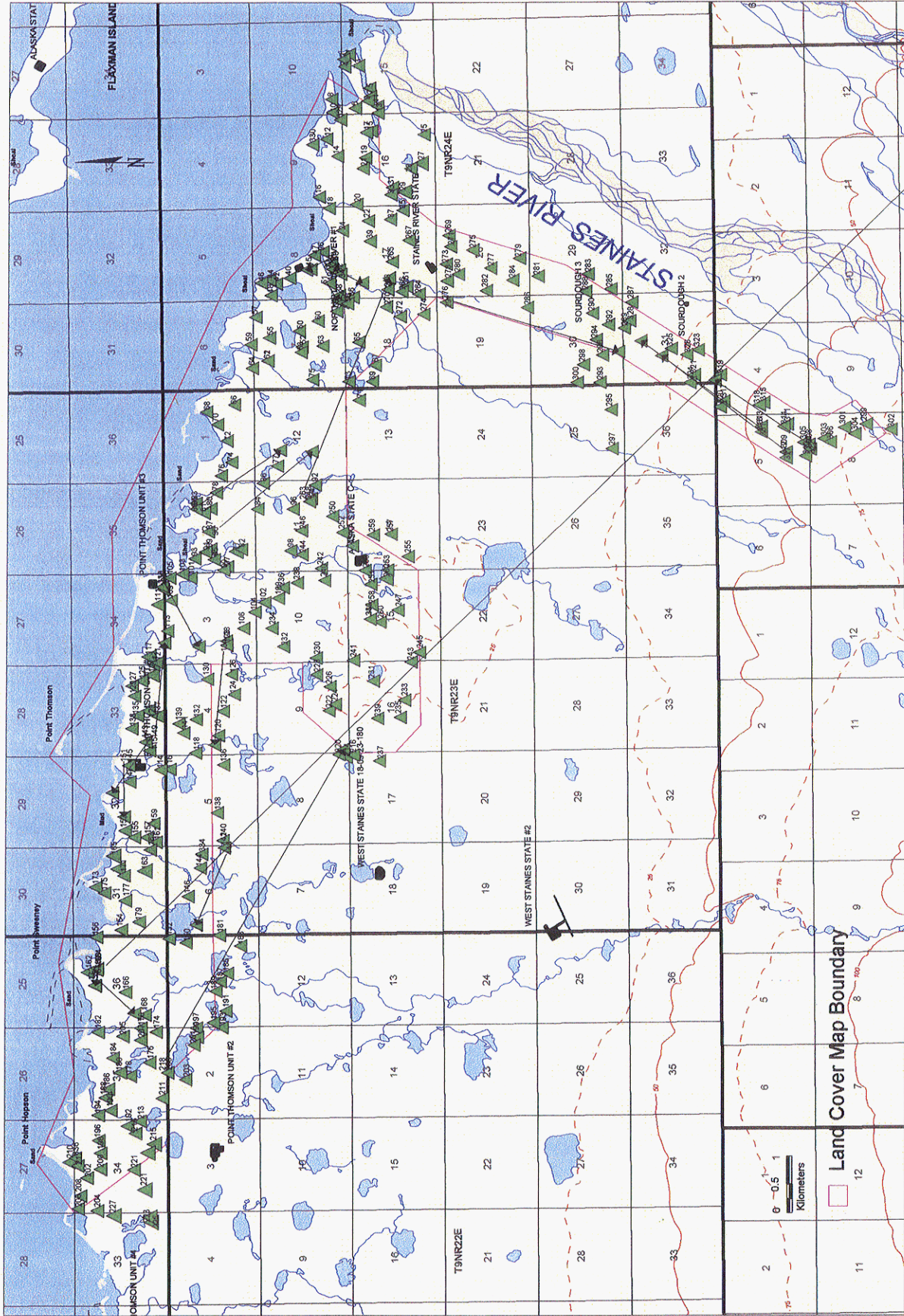


Figure 1. Ground reference sites used to prepare the Point Thomson Unit Area land cover/vegetation map, Alaska, July and August 1998.



2a. Class IIb. Aquatic Graminoid Tundra



2b. Class IIIa. Wet Sedge Tundra

Figure 2. Examples of vegetation within Level C land cover classes (Table 1, Walker 1983) for the Point Thomson Unit area vegetation map.

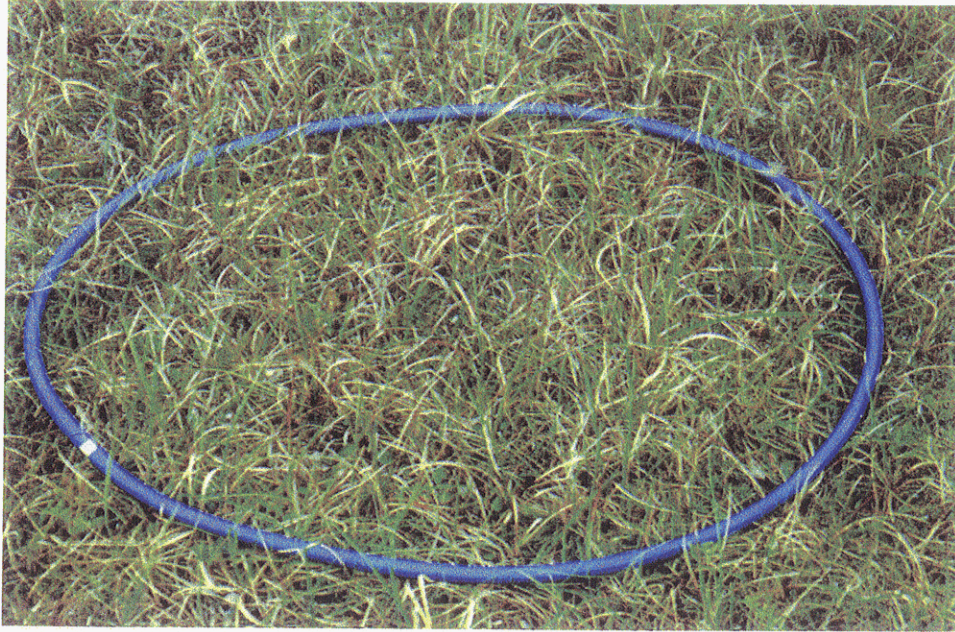


2c. Class IIIb. Wet Graminoid Tundra



2d. Class III d. Wet Sedge/Moist Sedge Dwarf Shrub Tundra Complex

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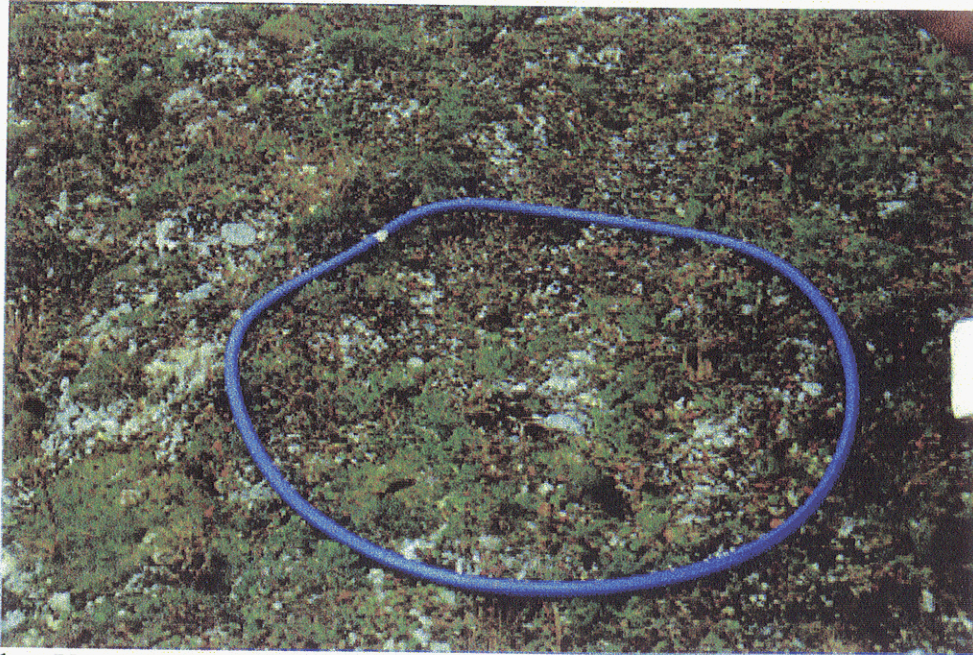


2e. Class IVa. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub/Wet Graminoid Tundra Complex



2f. Class Va. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra

Figure 2. Continued.



2g. Class Vc. Dry Dwarf Shrub, Crustose Lichen Tundra

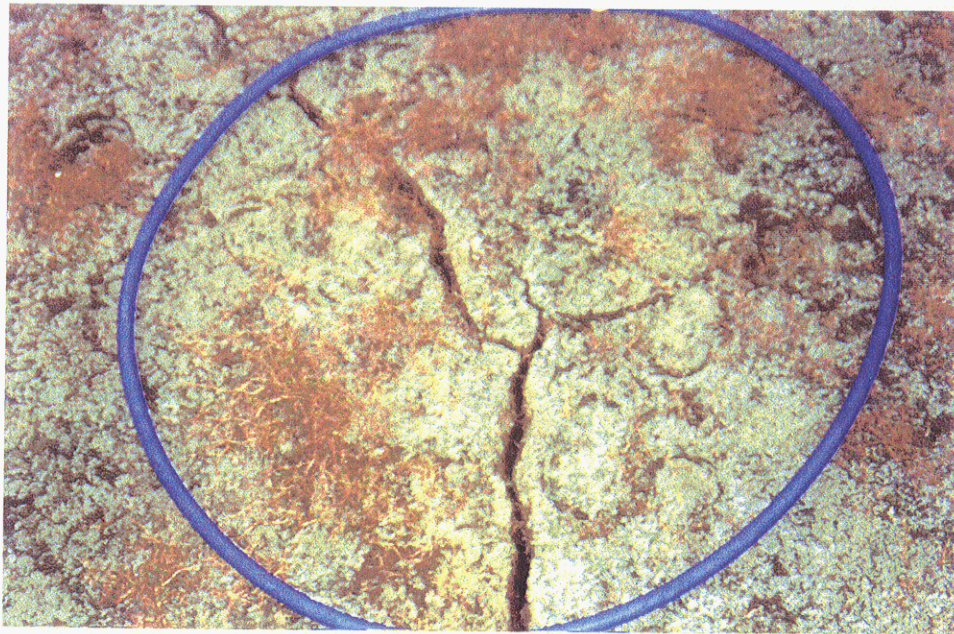


2h. Class Ve. Moist Graminoid, Dwarf Shrub Tundra/Barren Complex (frost scar tundra)

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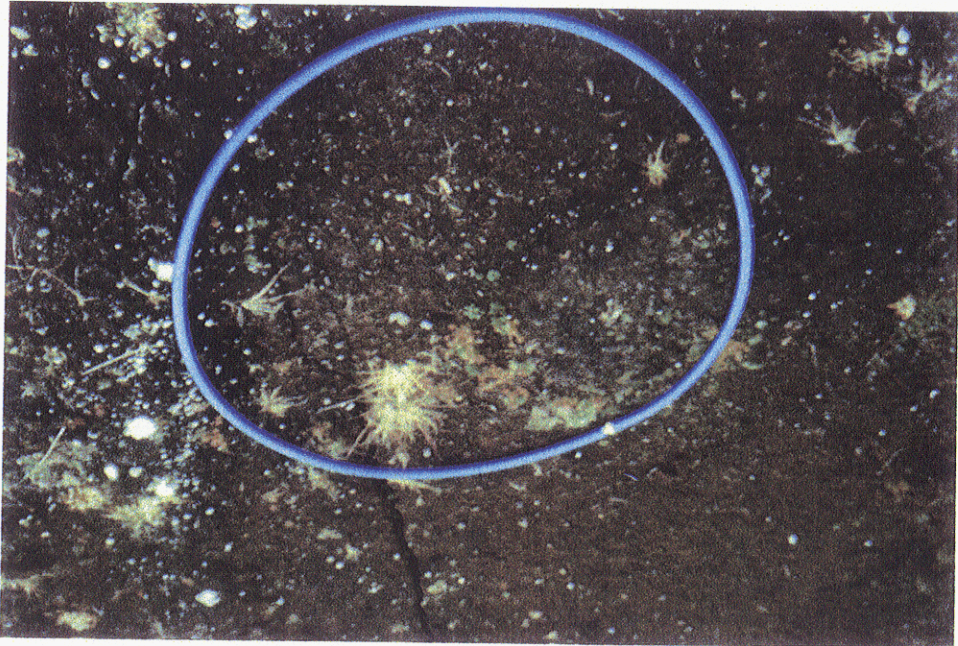


2i. Class Ixb. Dry Barren/Dwarf Shrub, Forb Grass Complex



2j. Class IXh. Wet Barren/Wet Sedge Tundra Complex

Figure 2. Continued.



2k. Class IXi. Dry Barren/Forb, Graminoid Complex



2l. Class Xa. River Gravels

Figure 2. Continued.

Table 1. Hierarchical vegetation categories for the Point Thomson Area Vegetation/Land Cover Map, based on Walker's (1983) vegetation classification. Vegetation types were mapped and labeled at Level C.

LEVEL A SMALL- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL B LANDSAT- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL C PHOTO-INTERPRETED MAP UNITS	LEVEL D TYPICAL PLANT COMMUNITIES
A. Water	I. Water	Ia. Water (ponds, lakes, rivers, streams, saltwater)	No vegetation
B. Wet Tundra	II. Very Wet Tundra	IIb. Aquatic Graminoid Tundra (emergent vegetation)	Aquatic <i>Arctophila fulva</i> Grass Tundra Aquatic <i>Carex aquatilis</i> Sedge Tundra
		IIc. Water/Tundra Complex (pond complex with emergent vegetation)	Typical communities listed in IIb, IIIa, and Va
	III. Wet Tundra	IIIa. Wet Sedge Tundra	Wet <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , <i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i> Sedge Tundra (wettest facies of wet alkaline tundra) Wet <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Pedicularis sudetica</i> , <i>Drepanocladus brevifolius</i> Sedge Tundra (wet alkaline tundra) Wet <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Dupontia fisheri</i> , <i>Campylium stellatum</i> Graminoid Tundra (wet acidic tundra, coastal areas)
		IIIb. Wet Graminoid Tundra (wet saline tundra, saltmarsh)	Wet <i>Carex subspathacea</i> , <i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i> , <i>Stellaria humifusa</i> , <i>Cochlearia officinalis</i> Sedge Tundra
		IIIc. Wet Sedge Tundra/Water Complex (pond complex, no emergent vegetation)	Typical communities listed in IIIa and Va
		IIId. Wet Sedge/Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra Complex (wet patterned-ground complex)	Typical communities listed in IIIa and Va, and sometimes IIb
		IIIe. Wet Sedge/Moist Sedge/Barren complex (wet frost-scar tundra complex)	Typical communities listed in IIIa, Va and Ve
C. Moist Tundra	IV. Moist/Wet Tundra Complex	IVa. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub/Wet Graminoid Tundra Complex (moist patterned ground complex)	Typical communities listed in IIIa and Va
	V. Moist or Dry Tundra	Va. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra	Moist <i>Carex bigelowii</i> , <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Salix reticulata</i> , <i>Tomenthypnum nitens</i> , <i>Thamnotia subuliformis</i> Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra (moist alkaline tundra) Moist <i>Luzula arctica</i> , <i>Poa arctica</i> , <i>Saxifraga cernua</i> , <i>Salix planifolia</i> , <i>Dicranum elongatum</i> , <i>Ochrolechia frigida</i> Graminoid, Dwarf Shrub, Crustose Lichen Tundra (moist acidic tundra)

Table 1. Continued

LEVEL A SMALL- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL B LANDSAT- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL C PHOTO-INTERPRETED MAP UNITS	LEVEL D TYPICAL PLANT COMMUNITIES
C. Moist Tundra (continued)	V. Moist or Dry Tundra (continued)	Va. Moist Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra (continued)	Moist <i>Carex aquatilis</i> , <i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i> , <i>Salix planifolia</i> , <i>Campyllum stellatum</i> Sedge, Dwarf Shrub Tundra (moist acidic tundra, wetter facies)
		Vc. Dry, Dwarf Shrub, Crustose Lichen Tundra (<i>Dryas</i> tundra, pingos, river bars)	Dry <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Carex rupestris</i> , <i>Oxytropis nigrescens</i> , <i>Salix reticulata</i> , <i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> , <i>Lecanora epibyron</i> Dwarf Shrub, Forb, Crustose Lichen Tundra (<i>Dryas</i> tundra, pingos) Dry <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Astragalus alpinus</i> , <i>Oxytropis borealis</i> , <i>Salix reticulata</i> , <i>Distichium capillaceum</i> , <i>Lecanora epibyron</i> Dwarf Shrub, Forb, Crustose Lichen Tundra (<i>Dryas</i> tundra, river bars)
		Vd. Dry, Dwarf Shrub, Fruticose Lichen Tundra (dry acidic tundra)	Dry <i>Salix rotundifolia</i> , <i>Pedicularis kanei</i> , <i>Luzula arctica</i> , <i>Polytrichum</i> sp., <i>Alectoria nigricans</i> , <i>Cetraria islandica</i> Dwarf Shrub, Fruticose Lichen Tundra (dry acidic tundra near coast)
		Ve. Moist Graminoid, Dwarf Shrub Tundra/Barren Complex (frost-scar tundra complex)	Typical communities listed in Va plus either completely barren frost scars or communities such as: Dry <i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i> , <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Chrysanthemum integrifolium</i> , <i>Juncus biglumis</i> , <i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i> , <i>Ochrolechia frigida</i> Barren (alkaline frost scars)
E. Partially Vegetated and Barren	IX. Partially Vegetated	IXb. Dry Barren/Dwarf Shrub, Forb Grass Complex (forb rich river bars)	Typical communities listed in Vc, and mixed forb, grass and dwarf shrub communities such as: <i>Dry Bromus pumellianus</i> , <i>Festuca rubra</i> , <i>Astragalus alpinus</i> , <i>Androsace chamaejasme</i> , <i>Salix ovalifolia</i> Grass, Forb, Dwarf Shrub Tundra (forb rich river bars) Dry <i>Dryas integrifolia</i> , <i>Artemisia borealis</i> , <i>A. glomerata</i> , <i>Salix ovalifolia</i> , <i>Androsace chamaejasme</i> Dwarf Shrub, Forb Tundra (<i>Dryas</i> river bars near arctic coast)
		IXe. Dry Barren/Grass Complex (coastal sand dune grassland)	Dry <i>Elymus arenarius</i> Grass Tundra (coastal sand dune grassland)
		IXf. Dry Barren/Dwarf Shrub Grass complex (sand dune steppe)	Dry <i>Artemisia borealis</i> , <i>A. glomerata</i> , <i>Deschampsia caespitosa</i> , <i>Trisetum spicatum</i> Dwarf Shrub, Grass Tundra (sand dune steppe)
		IXh. Wet Barren/Wet Sedge Tundra Complex (barren/saline tundra complex, saltmarsh)	Typical communities listed in IIIb

Table 1. Continued

LEVEL A SMALL- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL B LANDSAT- SCALE UNITS	LEVEL C PHOTO-INTERPRETED MAP UNITS	LEVEL D TYPICAL PLANT COMMUNITIES
E. Partially Vegetated and Barren (continued)	IX. Partially Vegetated (continued)	IXi. Dry Barren/Forb, Graminoid Complex (coastal barrens)	Dry <i>Cochlearia officinalis</i> , <i>Stellaria humifusa</i> , <i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i> , <i>P. andersonii</i> , <i>Salix</i> <i>ovalifolia</i> , <i>Potentilla pulchella</i> Forb, Graminoid Tundra (coastal saline barrens)
	X. Light- colored Barrens (ground cover <30%)	Xa. River Gravels	Completely barren or with communities listed under IXb and IXc.
		Xc. Barren Gravel Outcrops	Typical communities listed under Vd or IXe or the following among many others; <i>Dry Dryas octopetala</i> , <i>Lupinus arcticus</i> , <i>Potentilla biflora</i> , <i>Smelowski calycina</i> , <i>Saxifraga</i> <i>tricusoidata</i> , <i>Salix phlebophylla</i> , <i>Silene acaulis</i> Dwarf Shrub Barren (gravel outcrops)
		Xe. Gravel Roads and Pads	Completely barren or partially vegetated with communities similar to IXb and IXc.
XI. Dark-colored Barrens (ground cover <30%)	XIa. Wet Mud (drained lakes and ponds)	Completely barren or occasionally with colonizing species such as <i>Deschampsia</i> <i>caespitosa</i> and <i>Senecio congestus</i> .	
	XIc. Bare Peat (mostly barren coastal areas caused by storm surges)	Completely barren or with sparse communities similar to IIIa, Va, and IXi.	

Table 2. Area (acres) covered by land cover classifications for vegetation and land cover map, Point Thomson Unit Area, Alaska, with percent occurrence for each classification.

Vegetation Category	Number of Polygons	Total Area (acres)	Total Area (percent)	Number of Reference Sites
Ia	5608	14518.8	44.3	0
IIb	136	174.8	0.5	8
IIc	63	163.1	0.5	1
IIIa	211	980.4	3.0	41
IIIb	147	380.9	1.2	27
IIIc	35	173.5	0.5	0
IIId	368	5610.1	17.1	76
IIIe	101	158.4	0.5	2
IVa	171	3366.2	10.3	40
Va	160	3773.5	11.5	63
Vc	192	639.0	2.0	19
Vd	20	92.9	0.3	1
Ve	92	1190.9	3.6	16
IXb	62	167.0	0.5	3
IXf	1	4.7	0.0	0
IXh	126	205.4	0.6	5
IXi	91	551.8	1.7	12
Xa	146	163.3	0.5	1
Xc	16	4.8	0.0	0
Xe	17	66.6	0.2	0
XIa	3903	351.1	1.1	1
XIc	3	13.3	0.0	0
TOTAL	11669	32750.6	100	316

Table 3. Error matrix comparing vegetation and land cover map classification to ground reference site classifications, data collected 24 July to 7 August 1998 in the Point Thomson Unit Area, Alaska. Rectangles enclose Level B vegetation

Map Classification	Reference Site Classification											TOTAL						
	Ia	IIb	IIIa	IIIb	IIIc	IIId	IIIe	IVa	Va	Vc	Vd		Ve	IXb	IXh	IXi	Xa	XIa
Ia	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIb	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIIc	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIIa	0	0	0	24	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIIb	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIIc	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIId	0	0	0	6	2	62	0	2	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
IIIe	0	0	0	1	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
IVa	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	38	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Va	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vc	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vd	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ve	0	0	0	1	0	4	0	0	3	0	0	15	0	0	0	0	0	0
IXb	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0
IXh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
IXi	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	12	0	0	0
Xa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
XIa	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
TOTAL	0	8	1	41	27	76	2	40	63	19	1	16	3	5	12	1	1	316
Agreement Level C	0	7	1	24	23	62	2	38	56	19	1	15	3	4	12	1	1	269 ¹
Agreement Level B	0	9		132				38	94			20				1	1	295 ²

¹ Agreement Level C = (269/316) or 85%

² Agreement Level B = (295/316) or 93%

Appendix A

Table A-1. Ground-reference site descriptions collected 27 July through 7 August 1998 in the Point Thomson Unit Area, Alaska. See Figure 1 for site locations and Table A-2 for plant taxa.

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
1	IXh	IXh	Sand at edge of peninsula - mud further in, Moist/dry
2	IXh	IXh	Soil is dry sand, coastal salt affected
3	IXi	IIIb	Salt marsh
4	IXi	IXi	Coastal barrens
5	IIIa	IIIa	Across stream ~50m from edge of salt marsh/moist
6	Va	Va	HCPs
7	IIIb	IIIb	Moist/wet
8	IVa	IVa	Polygon rim, dry soil
9	Vc	Vc	Dry/moist, partially barren
10	IIIa	IIIa	Small basin rim, moist sedge meadow
11	Va	Va	Downstream from 7/9, just out of salt marsh veg moist
12	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh, soil: wet, salt affected
13	IIIa	IIIa	Moist/wet
14	Vd	Vd	Moist sedge meadow
15	IIId	IIId	Wet/aquatic?
16	IXi	IXi	Dry barren top of very HCP along coast
17	IVa	IVa	LCP moist - some space in center
18	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
19	IIId	IIb	Wet/aquatic
20	IVa	IVa	Moist/wet sedge meadow
21	IVa	IVa	Moist/wet, mud centers, trough
22	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
23	Va	Va	LCP -vegetated - little relief, shallow margin
24	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge tundra
25	Va	Va	Moist/dry - gradual slope, unpatterned
26	IIIb	IIIb	Wet salt marsh
27	IVa	IVa	Between lakes, LCP <0.5m relief, moist/wet
28	IIb	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
29	Ve	Ve	HCP dry/moist
30	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
31	Vc	Vc	HCP along beaded stream, CAAQ thick along stream
32	IIIa	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow, moist soil
33	IVa	IVa	Wet - LCP with margins heaved and broken
34	Va	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow
35	IIIc	IIIa	Wet/aquatic in drained lake basin just east of ARFU
36	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow, moist soil
37	IVa	IVa	Moist LCP/wet?
38	Vc	Vc	Dry soil, almost barrens looking
39	IVa	IVa	Wet/moist LCP and strangs

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
40	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow, moist soils
41	IVa	IVa	Moist HCP med. trough
42	IIb	IIb	Wet, but not inundated
43	Va	Va	S of gravel pad within extension, FTP (slightly depressed) moist
44	XIa	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow
45	Va	Va	Still S of pad within pad extension area, moist FTP (not as depressed more lush veg)
46	IIIb	IIIb	Coastal salt marsh
47	IXi	IXi	FTP/HCP - Partial barrens, moist/dry
48	Va	IIIa	Moist/wet sedge meadow
49	IVa	IVa	Moist indistinct FTP, slope to stream
50	Va	Va	Moist sedge tundra
51	XIa	XIa	Wet/saturated, partial barrens and hummocks
52	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
53	III d	III d	Wet strangmoor - soil saturated
54	IVa	Va	Moist sedge meadow
55	Vc	Vc	Dry/moist ridge above lake basin
56	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh
57	III d	III d	Wet strangmoor in lake basin
58	Va	III d	Wet/moist sedge meadow with strangmoors
59	Va	Va	Moist/dry with hummocks
60	Va	Va	Moist sedge tundra
61	Va	Va	HCP with hummocks/ moist
62	IXb	IXb	Very old basin and fairly barren, probably >30% cover in general
63	IVa	IVa	FTP moist/wet troughs in spots with hummocks
64	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow, polygons with deep troughs
65	Va	Va	FTP with scattered frost boils/moist
66	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh
67	Vc	Vc	Moist FTP with scattered tussocks
68	Vc	Vc	Dry barrens, tops of polygons with drier moist meadow between
69		III d	Wet strangmoor
70	Ve	Va	Moist sedge meadow
71	II d	III d	Wet strangmoor
72	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow, top of high center with wetter troughs
73	IIIa	IIIa	Wet unpatterned, scattered hummocks
74	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
75	IVa	IVa	Wet low CP
76	Vc	Vc	Streambank bluff community
77	IIb	IIb	Aquatic
78	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
79	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
80	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
81	IXi	IXi	Moist salt marsh
82	III d	Va	Moist sedge meadow
83	IIIb	IIIb	Wet salt marsh

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
84	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
85	IXi	IXi	Dry coastal barrens with frost boils
86	IVa	IVa	Moist/wet sedge meadow
87	Va	Va	FTP with strangs, wet/moist
88	IVa	IIIa	Moist/wet sedge meadow
89	Va	Va	Moist FTP with strangs, few barren spots at rim
90	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
91	IXi	IXi	Moist LCP with strangs - partial barren
92	IIB	IIB	Wet sedge meadow
93	IIB	IIB	Wet/aquatic
94	Va	Va	Moist/wet sedge meadow
95	Ve	Ve	Just S of stream crossing corridor between DLB and stream channel
96	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
97	Xa	Xa	Gravel bar at road crossing
98	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow in old basin complex, lots of strangs present
99	IIIa	IIIa	On peninsula in lake basin, wet/aquatic
100	Vc	Vc	Stream bluffs, drier soils, disturbed (naturally)
101	IIIa	IIIa	Wet LCP
102	Ve	Ve	Dry snowbed community
103	Va	Va	SE corner of pad at Pt. Thomson, moist with hummocks FTP?
104	Va	Va	Moist sedge grass meadow
105	IIIa	IIIa	NW corner of pad at Pt. Thomson, wet/moist, FTP with strangs
106	Vc	Vc	Stream bank bluff community, dry soils, a lot of bare area
107	Vc	Vc	Dry/wet, HCP partial barren on top
108	IIIa	IIIa	Wet/moist sedge meadow
109	IIIe	IIIe	Moist - transition to barren below stand line
110	Va	Va	Moist/wet sedge meadow
111	IIIa	IIIa	FTP by lake, moist
112	IIIa	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
113	Va	Va	Ridge by lake, moist - ARFU land at margin
114	IIB	IIB	Very wet
115	IXi	IXi	Coastal barrens - Dry/moist
116	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
117	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh, moist
118	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
119	IIIa	IIIa	Wet/moist
120	IIIId	IIIId	Wet sedge meadow
121	Ve	Ve	Moist frost scar tundra
122	IIIId	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
123	IIIId	IIIId	Wet/moist strangmoor between 2 lakes
124	Vc	Vc	Moist/dry polygon, tops somewhat barren
125	IIIId	IIIId	Wet LCP
126	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
127	IIIb	IIIb	Moist salt veg
128	IIIb	IIIb	Moist/wet meadow
129	IIIb	IIIb	Moist sedge meadow
130	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
131	IIIb	IIIb	Wet salt marsh
132	IIIa	IIIa	Wet/moist meadow (stream bank)
133	IXh	IXh	Moist salt marsh
134	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
135	Va	Va	Moist FTP with widely scattered bare area
136	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
137	IVa	IVa	Wet/moist strangmoors in LCP
138	IIIa	IIIa	Wet/Moist sedge meadow
139	Va	Va	Moist/wet strangmoor in LCP
140	IXb	IXb	Dry rocky barrens (part of old basin rim)
141	Va	Va	Moist FTP with some bare ridges
142	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow, some frost scars
143	IXi	IXi	Moist coastal barrens
144	IIIb	IIIb	Wet sedge meadow, LCPs
145	IIIb	IIIb	Wet salt marsh
146	IXb	IXb	Dry barrens community
147	IXi	IXi	Moist/wet FTP with frost boils
148	Ve	Ve	Moist sedge meadow
149	Va	Va	Wet/ Moist faint FTP with overgrown FB
150	Ve	Ve	Moist sedge meadow
151	IIIb	IIIb	Wet saltmarsh
152	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
153	IXi	IXh	Moist/dry barrens
154	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh
155	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
156	IIIc	IIIa	Basin complex with wet soils
157	IVa	IVa	FTP with strangs, wet, looks like pad site - toward middle staked
158	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh, wet soils in old Basin complex
159	IIIb	IIIb	Wet LCP
160	IXi	IXi	Barrens, frost scar with some vegetation
161	Vc	Vc	HCP moist/dry
162	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
163			Moist LCP<0.5m trough with frost boils
164	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow
165	IIIb	IIIb	Moist salt marsh
166	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
167	IXi	IXi	Coastal barrens
168	Vc	Vc	HCPs with more or less barren tops, some veg cover
169	IVa	IVa	Moist/wet LCP with strangs
170	IIIa	IIIb	Bottom of salt marsh area on stream
171	Ve	Ve	Wet coastal grassland with frost boils
172	IIIb	IIIb	Wet sedge meadow, LCPs
173	IIIb	IIIb	Wet salt marsh
174	Ve	Ve	Dry barrens frost scar with moist sedge meadow in between
175	IIIa	IIIa	Moist wet
176	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
177	IIb	IIb	Wet/ aquatic Mud basins around salt marsh, some sorted areas with gravel, bare mud and gravel
178	IXi	IXi	
179	IVa	IVa	Moist FTP <0.5m trough with a few hummocks
180	IIIb	IIIb	Typical salt marsh
181	Ve	Ve	Moist frost boils, FTP weak
182	IXh	IXh	Salt marsh, quite a bit of gravel mixed in with vegetated areas
183	Ve	Ve	Moist/dry frost boils with hummock
184	IVa	IVa	Basin edge near lake moist meadow
185	IIb	IIb	Partially dried lake with ARFU
186	IVa	IVa	HCP, top vegetated in moist sedge grass meadow. Other polygons mostly barren w/ mud & some salix & lichen in places there is CAUR in low lying spots w/in the mud dominated polygons; may be salt-affected during storm surges.
187	Va	Va	Moist FTP with scattered frost boils
188	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh, very wet interspersed w/ sorted stone polygons; salt intrusion is up to the lake that's next to the site.
189	IIIId	IIIId	Moist Strangmoor in LCP
190	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
191	Va	Va	Moist/wet FTP with frost boils
192	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh
193	Ve	Ve	Frost boils, lots of gravel in boils, moist/dry
194	IVa	Va	Moist sedge meadow
195	IIIId	IIIId	Wet LCP with strangs
196	IIIa	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
197	Vc	Vc	Circle formation in basin, start of pingo?
198	IIIe	IIIe	Wet strangmoor, strang tops have ERAN and CAMI
199	IIIId	IIIId	Moist wet LCP
200	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
201	IIIId	IIIId	wet nonpatterned
202	IIIb	IIIb	Salt marsh
203	Ve	Va	Moist sedge meadow, nonpatterned
204	IIIb	IIIb	Salt Marsh
205	IIIId	IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow with some LCPs/mudbasins with CAAQ and scorpidium and bare mud
206	Va	Va	Wet/moist sedge meadow
207	IIIId	IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow with some LCPs/mudbasins with CAAQ and scorpidium and bare mud, moist sedge meadow outside of the mud basins
208	IIIId	IIIb	Salt marsh w/ fairly large areas that are higher and less salt-affected

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
209	Ve	Ve	Slightly moist sedge meadow with frost scars/boils (more barren and gravelly inside boils)
210	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadows w/ some strangs
211	Vc	Vc	Moist/dry river bluffs
212		IIIId	Moist sedge meadow with strangs
213	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow-strangs and frost boils
214		IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow with strangs
			Large area of matted down dead grass - dead for more than one season
216	IIIId	IIIId	Wet/moist sedge meadow, standing water in part of site
217	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow, strangs present
218		IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow with strang
219	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs and LCPs and strangs
220	IIIId	IIIId	Wet sedge meadow with some strangs
221	Va	Va	moist sedge meadow with strangs
222	IIIId	IIIId	wet meadow tundra
223	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow - HCPs and strangs
224	IIIId	IIIId	Wet/ moist sedge meadow with strangs. Strangs are more numerous than previous areas
225	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow - frost scars/boils and some strangs
226	IIIa	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
227	IIIb	IIIb	salt-affected basin, large patches of gravel at S end of basin
228	IIIe	IIIa	Moist/wet sedge meadow, somewhat less wet than previous site
229	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow - a few strangs present
230	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
231	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow
232	Va	Va	HCPs, fully vegetated although some areas appear more barren, moist sedge meadow
233	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, strangs
234	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
235		IVa	Moist sedge meadow - strangs, HCPs
236	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
237	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadows, strangs
238	Va	Va	Moist sedge meadow
239	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow - HCPs and some strangs
240	Ve	Va	Moist sedge meadow, virtually identical to previous site
241	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow with fairly deep (standing water) troughs, HCPs
242	IIIId	IIIId	Wet sedge meadow
243	IIIId	IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow, some strangs
244	IIIId	IIIId	Wet/moist sedge meadow
245	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, some strangs

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
246	IIIId	IIIId	Wet sedge meadow
247	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, some strangs
248	IVa	IIIa	Wet Sedge meadow
249	IVa	Va	Moist sedge meadow - mostly non-patterned (a few frost scars)
250	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow, polygon tops, troughs are CAAQ and ERAN
251	IIIa	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow (standing water)
252	IIIa	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow, small flowing stream
253	IIIId	IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow
254	IVa	IVa	Wet/moist sedge meadow
255	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, some strangs
256	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow
257	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow - HCPs, strangs
258	IIIId	IIIId	Wet/moist meadow
259	IIIa	IIIa	Moist/wet sedge meadow (near stream bluffs)
260	Vc	Vc	Site is on top of disturbed gravel bluff near pad site, site is variable with many scattered weedy species
261	IIIa	IIIa	Moist/wet sedge meadow, some strangs (basin area)
262	IIIa	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow
263	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow - HCPs and LCPs mixed
264	Va	Va	Moist/dry polygon tops some more, barren areas from late lying snow
265	IIIc	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow with large basin
266	IIIa	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow
267	Vc	Vc	Bluffs along basin ridge
268	Va	Va	moist grassland/sedge meadow
269	IVa	IVa	Moist sedge meadow - HCPs some strangs
270	Vc	Vc	Dry barrens, barren tops of small mounds with DRIN and SAOV in between
271	Ve	Ve	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs, a few frost boils
272	IIIId	IIIId	Moist/wet sedge meadow, LCPs, Troughs are CAAQ and ERAN
273	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs with wet troughs
274	Ve	IIIa	Wet sedge meadow
275	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs some small strangs
276	Va	Va	Wet sedge meadow, start of road corridor
277	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs some small strangs water-filled troughs
278	Ve	Ve	Moist/wet sedge meadow with some strangmoor
279	IIIId	IIIId	Moist sedge meadow - LCP (a few strangs)
280	IIIId	IIIId	Wet Strangmoor

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
281	III d	III d	Moist/wet sedge meadow, some strangs, LCPs (HCPs also in area)
282	Ve	III d	Wet sedge meadow LCPs, wide troughs of CAAQ and ERAN
283	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCP with strangs
284	III a	III d	Wet sedge meadow, dispersed strangs with CABI and CAMI
285	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs, some strangs
286	III d	III d	Wet sedge meadow LCPs, troughs are CAAQ and ERAN
287	III d	IV a	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs
288	III a	III d	Wet sedge meadow LCPs
289	III d	IV a	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs, strangs
290	III a	III a	Wet/moist sedge meadow
291	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs
292	IV a	IV a	Moist sedge meadow
293		III d	Moist sedge meadow, strangs
294	III a	III d	Wet sedge meadow, tundra
295		V a	Moist sedge meadow, nonpatterned
296	III d	III d	Wet/moist sedge meadow
297	V c	V c	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs near stream bluffs
298	Ve	Ve	Wet/moist sedge meadow
299	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadows, strangs
300	IV a	IV a	Moist sedge meadow, HCPs
301	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs, small strangs
302	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow
303	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs, strangs
304	III d	III d	Wet strangmoots
305	Ve	III d	Moist sedge meadow
306	III d	Ve	Moist sedge meadow, old frost scars
307	III d	III a	Moist sedge meadow, non-patterned
308	III d	III d	moist sedge meadow
309	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs, some strangs
310	III d	III a	Moist sedge meadow
311	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs, strangs
312	III d	III a	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs
313	Ve	III d	Moist/wet sedge meadow, LCPs
314	III d	III b	Moist sedge meadow, some strangs with CAUR
315	III d	III a	Moist sedge meadow, nonpatterned
316	Ve	III d	Wet sedge strangmoor
317	III a	III d	Moist sedge tundra, strangs, LCPs
318	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, strangs low centers troughs CAAQ and ERAN, tops CAMI, rims form strangs in some cases
319	III d	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs, strangs
320	III a	III d	Wet/moist sedge meadow
321	III a	III d	Moist/wet sedge meadow, LCPs, strangs
322	III a	III d	Moist sedge meadow, LCPs with rims having CABI and CAMI more ERAN

Table A-1 (continued)

Site Number	Map Classification	Field Classification	Site Description
323	IIIa	IIIc	Moist sedge meadow, strangs
324	IIIc	IIIc	Wet sedge meadow, LCPs with strangmoors
326	IIIc	IIIa	Moist sedge meadow
328	IIIa		Wet sedge meadow

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of vegetation at ground reference sites in the Point Thomson Area, Alaska July/August 1998. * indicates <1% cover

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Site Number																						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>															1								
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>										15													
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>																							
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>																							
Bare Ground	35	52	13	29	3	9	13	23			10									17			
Bare rock																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>																					7		
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>												60			78			67	42			8	7
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>																							
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>																							
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>				*		17	37				*					5	*	18	2	16	35		
<i>Caltha palustris</i>											*												
<i>Carex rupestris</i>																		1					
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>																			3			5	
<i>Carex sp.</i>																				2			
<i>Carex subspatheaceae</i>	29	25	7	*			83				87												
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>																							
<i>Cerastium beerianum</i>	7		1				1																
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>								4					*				*				*	1	
<i>Chrysanthimum arcticum</i>								4															
<i>Chrysanthimum integrifolia</i>				*		2										5							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>								4															
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	2		1																				
Crustose Lichen				20												27						1	
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>																							

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	Site Number																						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Distichium</i> sp.	DISP																							
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.	DREP										1										10			
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN			6				27					7				28	17	5		7	5	5	1
<i>DuPontia fischeri</i>	DUFI				6						9										5			
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR		47																					
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR																							
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA			2					11															
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN				77	55				30	80			48				57	48	2	20	43	23	47
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC									35														
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI																							
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	FUHY																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	G EGL																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO																							
Grass	GRAS																2							
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>	HOPE		1																					
<i>Hypnum hambergeri</i>	HYBA															16								
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI								*		1													
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE																							
Lichens	LICH									13														
Litter	LITT		20		14	10	3			12	3		17				20	18	8		7	19	16	
Liverwort	LIVE															2								
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP				*	*				3														
<i>Mitella obtusiloba</i>	MIOB																							
Moss	MOSS		3		*						3										3			
Mud	MUD																							
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY																							
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA								1															
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU			*						2		6		*	7	*					3		2	

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	Site Number																						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR																							
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																							
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI									1		4			2	*	1		*	*	*	*		2
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO				3																			
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																							
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH	27	23	7						*														
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																							
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																							
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR			23				8	*		2	8	21			5		10				3	12	
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE									*	*											*		
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																							
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI								*	3	3											*	1	
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																				1			
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP							12	8						17									
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV																							
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH				17			4				2				8	1	7		*				3
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																							
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE																	3		*				2
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO								37				7											
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																							
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																		2					
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC																							
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																							
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC								*		*													
Standing Dead	STDE																							
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																							
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM				*			4							*	*	*					1		
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI								*			20												1
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																							
Standing Water	WATER																							
Unidentified forb	FORB																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																								
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																								
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																								
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL							2																	
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU															*				65					
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA		10																3						
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																								
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																								
<i>Bare Ground</i>	BARE		3	12		17	38	1				13				*	10			23	5			5	
<i>Bare rock</i>	ROCK																								
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																								
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	1				43	2	9		*		74	7	12		3	25			7	35	12			
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT				4																				
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI					*				13															
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																								
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																								
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	15			3			3	7	15	25			20		27	17			13	12				
<i>Callia palustris</i>	CAPA																								
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																								
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA		11		*											*					4				
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP							2		3									2						
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU			85																				94	
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																								
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																								
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE			1																					
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR	*						*													*				
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																								
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																								
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																								
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF						2																		*
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI							1								42									
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																								

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46		
<i>Distichium</i> sp.																									
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.	3	*		2						3						2									
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	10	30		10		24	5	57	8	13	2				50			27							
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>							10		25		28		15										13	1	
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																									
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																									
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																									
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																									
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>									*	1										*		*			
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	39	15		47	30		38		22	38	27		40	23	*	27	30	60		47		22	17		
<i>Eriophorum aretioides</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																			12			18			
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																									
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																									
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																									
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																									
<i>Geum rossii</i>																									
Grass																									2
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>																									
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																									
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>					*														13			1	3		
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>																		*	2		2	3			
<i>Lichens</i>																									
<i>Litter</i>	18			22			2		8	2	13		15		23	12		1							
<i>Liverwort</i>																									
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																									
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>					*																				
<i>Mimarta obtusiloba</i>																									
Moss									1	3					3										4
Mud																									
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																									
<i>Papaver macunii</i>																									
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																		*							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>					*	2	*		1	*				2	2	*	*		2			2			

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	41	42	43	44	45	46	
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR																								
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																								
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																								
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	1			*						3		2	2				*							
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO						2																		
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							*	
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																								
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH			2																					
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	2	2		2			18		18	3	7		15	12		3	15				3	2	33	
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE						10																		
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																								
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI							3				2				*	2							1	
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																								
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP																3								
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV																								
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH			8			8	12						16		*		1	2		*				
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	8	7		10							1			1		3								
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO	3					7			2	1													*	
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP								7																
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC					8																			
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC						5		22		7														
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																								
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM	*							2																
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI		14				3		3				5						3					14	
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																								
Standing Water	WATER																								
Unidentified forb	FORB																								
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																						2		
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																								
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																								
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																								
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																								
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																		1				2	2	
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL									7													3		
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																								
Bare Ground	BARE	22				73				8	6	11	5	3			68						7	7	7
Bare rock	ROCK																								
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS						2																		
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	5	42	2	18		7					12	44						6						45
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT						2			*								2		3					
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI			25			13		2	7	3			15						10			2		
<i>Catamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																								
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																								
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	10	4	27			22	23	10			20	3	27		40		13	11	1			12	8	
<i>Caitha palustris</i>	CAPA																								
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																								
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																								
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																								
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU										7												61		
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																								
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																								
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE																								*
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR									5				3			*		1						7
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																								
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN	1																		1					7
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																								
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																								
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI									5							*		2					7	
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																		1						7

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	2								3		2												
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	3		*		7	1	8				7	7	3										
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>		2	3			4			30		2	22	5	18	18	17	28	22					
<i>Duponatia fischeri</i>	3																	3					
<i>Elymus arenatus</i>																							
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																							
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	*					*		*				*											
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	5	35	50	20	2	23	20	60	8		20	32	23	50	33	30	37	33	30	8	25		
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>		5																			2		
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																							
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>																							
Grass																							
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>																							
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>							3																
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>							3		2			*											
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>																							
Lichens																							
Litter		10	10	15		13	7	27	*		13	5	12	16	10	20	13	10	7				5
Liverwort																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	*		*											*				*					
<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>																							
Moss																							
Mud					*																		
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																							
<i>Papaver macunii</i>									1														
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>				1		1	2	1	*		7	2			*	2	*			2	*	1	

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	47	48	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR																							
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																							
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	3	1	*		3	3		*					1	1			1	3					1
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																							
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																				3			
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH									87											29			
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																							
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																							
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	17	20	6		15	8				*			2	*	7		7	2	3		1	4	
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE													2										
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																							
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI	17	1			2			*						4									
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																							
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP	*															*			1				
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV																							
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH			1		5							2				12	3	6					1
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																							
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	3												2										5
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO	7	5			1	5		12						7	5				10			6	
<i>Saxauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																							
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																							
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC		8									3												17
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																							
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																	1						
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																							
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																							
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM	2			*				5								*		1					7
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI		7				2		7					7				5		2		3	7	
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																							
Standing Water	WATER																							
Unidentified forb	FORB																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR					12																		
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL												25				7							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU							20																
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA							2														*		
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																							
<i>Bare Ground</i>	BARE		17	3	3	4	4	11					38	30	30	1	40	17	3		3			43
<i>Bare rock</i>	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	*	17	18	30	13	20			2							40	7	29	3				8 50
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																							
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI								10		23			30			11							38
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI			14		1	10			20	18	7		*		2			17		31	6	17	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA		23		33		13																	
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU																							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																							
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE																3							
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR															1								*
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN							3																
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																							*
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF												3											
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI							11					3			2								
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																							

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	DISP																							
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP					2					3								1					3
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN				10		2		5	13	7		15		6				3		14			
<i>Duportia fischeri</i>	DUFI											3				27								
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR																							
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>	EMNI																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR					3															*			
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA																							
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN	78	40	15	20	47	30	1	30	42	15		25		37	7	32	45	21	33	25	15		
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC																							
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI																							
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	FUHY																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	GEGL																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO																							
Grass	GRAS																							
<i>Honckenia peplodes</i>	HOPE																							
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA																							
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI																8	*						
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE																							
Lichens	LICH																							2
Litter	LITT	10		15	10	12	15		20		30		5		6			10	45	7	10	3		
Liverwort	LIVE																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP																2			*				
<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>	MIOB																							
Moss	MOSS														1							2		
Mud	MUD																							50
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY							12																
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA																							
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU			2				*		2								*	2	1				

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	70	71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	91	92
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR																							
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																							
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	1	*	*	*	10										2								
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																							
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA											18												
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH													43										
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																							
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																							
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	8	33	7	3	10	10	*	*	5						*	*	3	7	1	2			
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE			*													*		1					
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																							
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI					*																		
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																							
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP																							
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV																							
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH	3			*	13				1	*		*			2						4		7
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																							
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE		2	10	3					5	17			10		7								
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO					13							5			7								
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																							
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																							
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC	3		2															1					
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																							*
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC							7			1					2								
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																							
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU									2		8												
<i>Thamnolia sp.</i>	THAM											2				1								
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI			3		*				5	2		5											
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																							
Standing Water	WATER							80							27									
Unidentified forb	FORB																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																						4		
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																								
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO										2														
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL															3									33
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																								55
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																								
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL														2										
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																								
Bare Ground	BARE	8		15			22			5	13			27		17		33							37
Bare rock	ROCK					97									8										
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																								
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	50	45		3		3	33		23				5		47	27	61		37					
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																								
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI																								
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO				12																				2
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																								
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI			30	45		28			8				25		10	8	3		3					3
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																								
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																								
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																								
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																								
<i>Carex subspathaceae</i>	CASU									22															
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																								
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																								
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE								1																3
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR	*							*		13				*							1			
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																								
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN										7														
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																								
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																								3
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI				*				20		13				23	2									
<i>Daetylina arctica</i>	DAAR																								

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115
<i>Distichium</i> sp.																							
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.			5				15		2				3										
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>		7	2			2		17		23		13	47		7								
<i>Duponatia fischeri</i>							8		18		8	35	2		27	7	5	23	17	7			4
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																							
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>								*															
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																							8
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>						3																	
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>		34	25	35	14		28	35	10	30	57	14	23		8	10	23	11	55	28	33		
<i>Eritrichum aretoides</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																							3
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>										1													
<i>Geum rossii</i>									1					10									
Grass																							
<i>Honckenya peplioides</i>																							
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																							
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>																							3
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>																							
<i>Lichens</i>																							4
Litter		8	12		23	17					13	17			3	10		8	13	10			
Liverwort																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																							
<i>Mniurta obtusiloba</i>																							
Moss																							5
Mud																							
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																							
<i>Papaver macunii</i>																							
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>																							*

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	111	112	113	114	115	
<i>Poa arctica</i>																							25	
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>																								
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>																								
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>		*		*				2	*	3	1				*					*	*	*	*	
<i>Primula borealis</i>																								
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>																								1
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>																								
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>																								
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>		5	5	2		*	7				17	7	7	8	3	7	16	12	2	2	10			
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>																						*		
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>																								
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>				*		*				2						*	2	2						
<i>Salix lanata</i>																								
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>			3					1	1				2											
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>																								
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>		6						43	6	15	15	1	2	3										
<i>Salix pulchra</i>																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>				1		*									2	7								
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>			3									8	15	6										
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>																								
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>																								
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>								2						1										
<i>Standing Dead</i>																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>																								
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>								*	13					*										
<i>Tomenopteryx nitens</i>						2				5							3							
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>																								
<i>Standing Water</i>																								37
Unidentified forb																								
SUM	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR	*																						
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA	2				7															*			
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium</i> sp.	AULA																							
Bare Ground	BARE		2	10	17			5	9	3		17	1			5	6	53				2	3	
Bare rock	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							8
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	35		23	48	43	2	30	3		16	8		27		20		42		8	5	10	47	
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT									2	3													
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	7		1			2					22	6							28	5	18		
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI		*				2	10		2	7		17		3							2	10	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																						6	
<i>Carex</i> sp.	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU		55														95							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE	2										29												
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR											20		6				7						
<i>Cerastium beerianum</i>	CEBE		17											2				8						
<i>Cetraria</i> sp.	CETR	*						10												*	1			
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia</i> sp.	CLAD																							
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF													7		*								
Crustose Lichen	CRLI							10																
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR		*																	*				

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	
<i>Distichium</i> sp.	DISP																								
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.	DREP				7	3												*				5			7
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN	8	2				22		3	10					5				12			2	5		
<i>Dupontia fischeri</i>	DUFI		8					25	2		13	20	4	11	20	17	*				10	7			18
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR																								
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI																								
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR										*														
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA																								
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA																								
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN	23	12	32	34	23	18	63	5	53	13		7	40	18		28			15	43	13	30	3	
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR								*																
<i>Eriophorum russeolium</i>	ERRU																								
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC																								
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA																								
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI																								
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	FUHY																				*				
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	G EGL								3		2														
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO																								
Grass	GRAS								6																
<i>Honckeyna peplioides</i>	HOPE																								
<i>Hymnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA																								3
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI				*		5		3																
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE																								
<i>Lichens</i>	LICH						5																		
<i>Litter</i>	LITT	5	15	10	10		3		8	12		7	3	19			7		32		43	13	13		
Liverwort	LIVE																								
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO																								
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP				*						1														*
<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>	MIOB																								
Moss	MOSS						9	2			6				5										
Mud	MUD																								
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY																								
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA																								
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA																								
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU		*				*	*	2								1				2				1

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	116	117	118	119	120	121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130	131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138		
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR														17									4		
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																									
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY		2																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI		3			*									3	*								1	2	
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																									
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																									
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																								5	
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH		28										30												27	
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																									
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																									
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR		22				5	12			2	3		3	2	8		1						3	3	4
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE																									
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																									*
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI			1				*				*						*						2	2	
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																									
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP								2																	
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV		*																						3	
<i>Salix phleboophylla</i>	SAPH		3						23					6	*		1							2	5	
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU								5																	
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	8	7					3	2						5		14							8	13	
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO	10		*			8							8										13		
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																									
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																									
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC																									2
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																									
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																									
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																									
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																									
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM	*						*	10														*	1	*	
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI					2								7										2		
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																									
<i>Standing Water</i>	WATER																									
<i>Unidentified forb</i>	FORB		2																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL															4								
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA		2	2					3		*	*					*							
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA		3																					
Bare Ground	BARE	3	20			53	16	37	2					30	85	5				5	7	45		
Bare rock	ROCK		57				40																	
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																					2		
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	16		2	10	3	53		3	25	3	12			23			1	10	23				
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																	12						55
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	7							2	1	8							3						3
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							17
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	10	3	15				3										*		3		3	5	7
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																							
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU						25							40			86					62		
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE			2																				
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR					*								17	*									
<i>Ceratium beeringianum</i>	CEBE		*			10								2		*		*						
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR			*	3													*						*
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																							
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF					*										1	*							*
Crustose Lichen	CRLI			3	5				2															
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																							

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	
<i>Distichium sp.</i>																	2							
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>									*								2							
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>				2				10	*								2				7		2	
<i>Dryopteris filix-mas</i>																	2				10			
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>					10	*			5	21	8	27	8			2	7				57	2	28	5
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																								
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																								
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																								
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																								
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>																								
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>																								
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>																								
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																								
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																								
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																								
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																								20
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																								
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																								
<i>Geum rossii</i>																								
Grass									*															
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>																								
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																								
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>																								*
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>																								
Lichens																								
Litter																								
Liverwort																								
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																								
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																								
<i>Mniurta obtusiloba</i>																								
Moss																								
Mud																								
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																								
<i>Papaver maculii</i>																								
<i>Papaver laponicum</i>																								
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>																								

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	139	140	141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150	151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160	161	
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR		2																				10	*	
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																								
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY		3																*						1
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI		*						*	*		2	*					*							2
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																								
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																								
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA					10									2										
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH					57									1										
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	3	12	7					18	19	16	4		18				10		3					
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE																								
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																								
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI										2														
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																								
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP																								
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV					5			2					2									2	5	
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH	3	18					3	*		5														
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	2			4				5				7					1		2					
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO				10							10						13		3					33
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																								
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC							8																	
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																								
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																								
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM	2	*	3					*									*							*
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI											2								*					
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																								
<i>Standing Water</i>	WATER																								
<i>Unidentified forb</i>	FORB														2										
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL												*											
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA															2								
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																							
<i>Bare Ground</i>	BARE				9	1	82	60		10	2			10				55	38	13	27	13		
<i>Bare rock</i>	ROCK																	30						
<i>Erynum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	7			28		5			42		17		2				70	10	8	13	15	7	
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																							
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	1										15		5							*			
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	15			3					2				7				5			7			17
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																							
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP									15														
<i>Carex subspatheaceae</i>	CASU						97												8		5			
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR									30	2		85					17			35			
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE														2						2			
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR																		*					
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR													*										
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																							
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF							4																
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI	*			*		2							9							5			7
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR	*			1									10										

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184
<i>Distichium</i> sp.									6									7					
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.								3					3	2				2					
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>			3										19	*						8	10		
<i>DuPontia fischeri</i>	18	23	22	40					60	10	10			35	33								23
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																							
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																							
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>								*												2	1		
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	35	30	17	19				27	17	18				53	25	*	40			33	8	27	
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																							
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																				*			2 33
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>														*									
Grass																							
<i>Honckenia peplioides</i>																							
<i>Hymnum bambergeri</i>																	10						
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>																							2
<i>Leparia neglecta</i>																							
Lichens																		*					
Litter	15	2	8	13				7	10					2	13			10		4			
Liverwort																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																							
<i>Mimarta obtusiloba</i>																							
Moss			2											*				10		*			
Mud										20													
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																							
<i>Papaver macunii</i>																							
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>								*					*		*								1

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170	171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180	181	182	183	184	
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR	2																							
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																								
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY	1									5				2										
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	2							*						2				*						
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																								
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																								
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA						2				3												3		
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH								45								37					28			
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	7	12	3		23		15	17						10			15		7				7	
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE																								10
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																								2
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI					*									2										
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																								
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP													14											
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV	2					10		2																
<i>Salix phlebotypha</i>	SAPH													12		5									
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	1													1	5		6							
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO																			2					10
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP														*										
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC															10									
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																								
Standing Dead	STDE																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																		2						
<i>Thamnochloa sp.</i>	THAM	*	*	1									9					*			*				
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI															5					2				7
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																								
Standing Water	WATER																10								
Unidentified forb	FORB																								
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL													17										
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU	27																						
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA						15																	
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																							
Bare Ground	BARE		6	2			12	8	8							3	5	7		18	23	33	4	
Bare rock	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ		7	22			17	12	53						78	27	*	57						
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																							
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI						12										22			10				*
<i>Calamagrostis hobnii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI														2	1				*				8
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA											*												
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheaceae</i>	CASU				93													83			83			
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE		2																	*				
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																							
<i>Ceratium beeringianum</i>	CEBE				*				20					*								3		
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR			*				*	2															
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																							
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF				1																		3	
Crustose Lichen	CRLI								*															
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR									*														

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207		
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	DISP					1																				
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP					2																				
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN	10				20	13	10	10			2				13										
<i>DuPontia fischeri</i>	DUFI	22					17		18	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR																									
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI																									
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR																									
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA																									
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA							*																		
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN	33	68			5	16	25	8	20	65				5	8	30	15	8					23	7	
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR																									
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU																									
<i>Eriophorum schetcheri</i>	ERSC																									
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA																									
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI																									
<i>Funariatygrometrica</i>	FUHY							1																		
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	G EGL																									
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO																									
Grass	GRAS																									
<i>Honckenia peplodes</i>	HOPE																									
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA																									
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI																									
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE																									
<i>Lichens</i>	LICH							*						2												
<i>Littor</i>	LITT	22	8			5	30	*	7	10															4	5
Liverwort	LIVE																									
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO																									
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP																									
<i>Mimularia obtusiloba</i>	MI OB																									
Moss	MOSS																									
Mud	MUD												24		10									39		
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY																									
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA																									
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA																									
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU					*	*	*	*	3				*		5		3					*	*	*	

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	185	186	187	188	189	190	191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200	201	202	203	204	205	206	207	
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR													25	*										
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																								
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																								
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI								*						*						*				
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																								
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																								
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																								
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH								72																
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR		6	2		12	8	2	10	18	3						12			13				10	5
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE		17															2							
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																								
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI										*			*										*	
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																								
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP							1																	
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV																	3						9	*
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH																	3			1				*
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE					3																			
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO							7		7															4
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																								
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC												23		5		*							38	
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																								
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																								
<i>Thamnolia sp.</i>	THAM					3		*	2															*	
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI							8	3												7			13	
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																								
Standing Water	WATER		73																			2			
Unidentified forb	FORB																								
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230	231
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																								
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																								
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																								
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL				7																				
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																								
<i>Arctrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																								
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																								
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																								
Bare Ground	BARE	10	6	15	9	14						1	6	11	11	9	9	6	10	2				14	
Bare rock	ROCK																								
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																								
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	6	23		32	3	18				37	7	37	5	22	10	15	15	45	46			15	32	
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																								
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	*				*	17				10	2	10		8	7	15	8	*			20		37	
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																								
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																								
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	44	13		2	22							22	10	3	18						15		2	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																								
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																								
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA													7	3										
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																								
<i>Carex subspathaceae</i>	CASU	63																							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																								
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																				*				
<i>Ceratium beeringianum</i>	CEBE																								
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR				*																				
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																								
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																								
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD				*																				
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																								
Crustose Lichen	CRLI				15	2							*												
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																								

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	208	209	210	211	212	213	214	215	216	217	218	219	220	221	222	223	224	225	226	227	228	229	230
<i>Distichium sp.</i>																							
<i>Drepanolactis sp.</i>						7							8				3		15				*
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	1			27	10					2		3					7						*
<i>Dupontia fischeri</i>	15	16	23			12	10	15	30	15	22	15	33	35	15	20	15	10	32	17	15	12	
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																							
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																							
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	12	8	29	10	18	20	20	18	20	17	17	12	12	22	15	25	17	12	45	23	18	18	
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum russellii</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																							
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>																							
Grass																							
<i>Honckeyna peploides</i>																							
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																							
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>																							
<i>Leparia neglecta</i>																							
Lichens																							
Litter	9	6		9	6	9	22	14		23	18	7	12	11	8	9	6	10	1	13	14		
Liverwort																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																							*
<i>Mniarta obtusiloba</i>																							
Moss				3														*					
Mud					4			18	18		13			11			2						10
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>				12																			
<i>Papaver maculii</i>																							
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	*			*						*	*	*	*	*							*		2

Table A-2. Estimated percent cover of

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALAL																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																							
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA								*															
Bare Ground	BARE	10		7	3				*				20		7	4	4							
Bare rock	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	14	18	28	27	7	22	22	7	8	7	8	60	30	13	20	71	13	53			33	68	25
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																							
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	3	18		10	5	11	10	15	7	15	9		11	23	7		10		3	15			25
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	18	8	9	10	7		1	12		5					18		5						20
<i>Caitha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																							
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspathaceae</i>	CASU																							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																							
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE																							
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR			*																				
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD	*		*	*				*							*								
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																							
Crustose Lichen	CRLI	*		*								3												
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																							*

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code

	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253
<i>Distichium</i> sp.																							
<i>Drepanocladus</i> sp.															*	15		13				12	*
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	4	7	1	2	3	5	3	7											10				
<i>Dryopteris fischeri</i>	13	17	17	27	32	27	22	22	22	22	18	12	20	20	7	23	14	43	20	2	5		
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																							
<i>Empetrum nigrum</i>																							
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																							
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																							
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	17	17	18	13	17	15	25	11	20	11	19	*	25	29	17	*	27	12	34	15	27	3	25
<i>Eritrichum arctioides</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																							
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																							
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																							
<i>Funariidryometrica</i>																							
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																							
<i>Geum rossii</i>																							
Grass																							
<i>Honckeyia peploides</i>																							
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																							
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>			3																				
<i>Leparia neglecta</i>																							
Lichens																							
Litter	11	10	13	6	25	3	12	*	18	*	20	5	6	12	3	20	4	8					8
Liverwort																							
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																							
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																							
<i>Mniurta obtusiloba</i>																							
Moss																							
Mud	6	3			2		4		10	*	10	5	6	3							12	6	
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																							
<i>Papaver macunii</i>																							
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																							
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	*						*		*				2	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	231	232	233	234	235	236	237	238	239	240	241	242	243	244	245	246	247	248	249	250	251	252	253
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR																							
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																							
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																							
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																							
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH																							
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																							
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																							
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	*	2	*	2	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*	12	*
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE			*																				
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																							
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI			*																				
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																							
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP																							
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV		*						*															
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH								5															
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																							
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	5					5		15		8		15		11								18	
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO							1														3		
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																							
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																							
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC	6							4													2		5
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																							
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																							
<i>Standing Dead</i>	STDE																							
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																							
<i>Thamnolia sp.</i>	THAM	*										*												
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI	3				*			*			*										2		
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																							
Standing Water	WATER																6						38	6
Unidentified forb	FORB																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code	Site Number																												
	254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276						
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALOP																												
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																												
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																												
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL														8														
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																												
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																												
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																*												
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																												
Bare Ground	BARE	4	12	5	5	39	9	12	1	8	6	3	32	7	3	6	5												
Bare rock	ROCK					5																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																												
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	36	21	27	12	50	23	26	15	9	58	8	15	8	38	8	38	13	53										
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT																												
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	5	17	10	20	25	25	17	*	17	30	7	10	9	4														
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO											*																	
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																												
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI		12	32			*	5	27	20	3	40																	
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																												
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																												
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA																												
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP														2														
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU																												
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																												
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																												
<i>Cerastium beerianum</i>	CEBE																												
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR								*	1	9	*																	
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR						5																						
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN														*		*												
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																												
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																												
<i>Cristose Lichen</i>	CRLI													9	*														
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																												
<i>Distichum sp.</i>	DIST																												
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP			2			1						1	*	20	*	13	5	3										

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	Site Number																										
		254	255	256	257	258	259	260	261	262	263	264	265	266	267	268	269	270	271	272	273	274	275	276				
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN	*																										
<i>DuPontia fisheri</i>	DUFI	17	17	18	13	10	10																					
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR																											
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI																											
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR																											
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA							10																				
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA								*																			
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN	22	17	18	22	13	20		25	17	25	22	33		17	18		28	8	8		18	23	15				
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>	ERAR																											
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU																											
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC																											
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA																											
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI																											
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	G EGL																											
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	G EGL							5																				
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO							5																				
Grass	GRAS							7																				
<i>Honckenya peplioides</i>	HOPE																											
<i>Hymnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA																											
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI																											
<i>Leparia neglecta</i>	LENE																											
Lichens	LICH																											
Litter	LITT	4	7	13	16	5	12	5	5	8	23	13	4	2	6	22		13	7	12	7	27	6					
Liverwort	LIVE																											
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO																											
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP				*																							
<i>Mniurta obtusiloba</i>	MIOB																											
Moss	MOSS																											
Mud	MUD	11		3		5	9																					
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY														18													
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA						3																					
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA																											
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU	3	*	*		2	5	*				*		*	*	*		*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	1	
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR							2																				
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI																											

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALOP																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctostaphylos latifolia</i>	ARLA																							
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																					*		
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																							
Bare Ground	BARE	5	9	9	9	5	5	5	5	9	7	4	5	5	11									
Bare rock	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	20	30	17	10	15	35	10	27	12	37	17	23	8	18	27	13	20	27	23	*	18	2	
<i>Carex atrovirens</i>	CAAT																					13		
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	15	25	3	20	13	2	9	7	13	22	18	22	13	30	10	12	13	22	27	15	25	10	
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	GAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI			13	13	13	3	15	3				19					5				10		
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA			2		2																		
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU																							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																							
<i>Ceratium beeringianum</i>	CEBE											*		*	*	*						*		
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR			*																				
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN											*		*	*	*								
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD			*								*		*	*	*								
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																							
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI																							
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																							
<i>Distichum sp.</i>	DIST																		*		*			
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP		*	8	*	2	2	*	5										*		*	15	5	*

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover Code	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299		
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>																									
<i>DuPontia fischeri</i>	18	13	10	15	10	17	15	23	9	12	13	12	8	22	10	12	8	18	15	28	9	23		*	
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>																									
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>																									
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>																									
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>																									
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	25	15	20	17	27	22	23	22	28	13	19	25	17	15	18	8	33	20	38	8	22	18	33		
<i>Eritrichum aretioides</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>																									
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>																									
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>																									
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>																									
<i>Geum glaciale</i>																									
<i>Geum rossii</i>																									
Grass																									
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>																									
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>																									
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	*				1				8		*				5										
<i>Leparia neglecta</i>																									
Lichens																									
Litter	18	6	15	8	8	8	28	6	27	6	12	9	9	8	12	4	5	6	7	6	6	11	18		
Liverwort																									
<i>Luzula confusa</i>																									
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>																									
<i>Mniurta obtusiloba</i>															*										
Moss											*														
Mud	1	3	3	1	1			2								6									
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>																									
<i>Papaver macunii</i>																									
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>																									
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	*	3	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
<i>Poa arctica</i>																									
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>																									

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	277	278	279	280	281	282	283	284	285	286	287	288	289	290	291	292	293	294	295	296	297	298	299
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY																							
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	*				*			*										*			*		
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO																							
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR																							
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>	PULA																							
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH																							
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR																							
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI																							
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	*	3	2	*	2	2	*			8		5	5	10	*		*						10
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE																	*						
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO																		*					
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI	*							*									*						*
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA																							
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP													*										
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV		3																			*		
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH																							*
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU																							
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	2	3								*		8	13	12	*	2	10				12		5
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO																					*		
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN																							
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP																							
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC	1	2						1															
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT																							
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC																							
Standing Dead	STDE																							
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU																							
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM			*		*					*		*	*	*	*						*		*
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI		*								*		3	*	3							*		3
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI																							
Standing Water	WATER								5															
Unidentified forb	FORB																							
SUM		100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALOP																							
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR																							
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO																							
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL																							
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU																							
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA																							
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL																							
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA																							
Bare Ground	BARE	2		5	7				6			1	11	12	7				11	11				7
Bare rock	ROCK																							
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS																							
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	2	12	3	22	17	2	2	3	12		23		15	20	28	30	15	17	22	25	33		
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT	12							17															
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	22	3	17	22	15	18	20	8	18	5	27	17	23	25	18	5	17	10	8	9	23	5	
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO																							
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME																							
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI		18	3	1	3		28						2		2			8	17				
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA																							
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU																							
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA		17							*					2									7
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP																							
<i>Carex subspatheae</i>	CASU																							
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE																							
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR																							
<i>Ceratium beeringianum</i>	CEBE																							
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR																							
<i>Chrysanthimum arcticum</i>	CHAR																							
<i>Chrysanthimum integrifolia</i>	CHIN																							
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD																							
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF																							
<i>Crustose Lichen</i>	CRLI																							*
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR																							
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	DIST																							
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP		*		2	2	2	2	2	*				*	2				*	2				

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code																							
	300	301	302	303	304	305	306	307	308	309	310	311	312	313	314	315	316	317	318	319	320	321	322	
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>																								
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>		*						*	*	*		*									*			
<i>Primula borealis</i>																								
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>																								
<i>Puccinellia langeana</i>																								
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>																								
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>																								
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>																								
<i>Salix arctica</i>		2	3	15	2	2	3	7	3	1	5	*						2	7	1				
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>																								
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>																								
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>			*																					
<i>Salix lanata</i>																					5			
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>					*																			
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>						*																		
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>								*				*												
<i>Salix pulchra</i>																								
<i>Salix reticulata</i>		13	2	7	5	7	1	1	23	5								3			2			
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>								17	3															
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>																								
<i>Salix sp.</i>																								
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>									*	1	2	3	2	*										
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>																								
<i>Silene acaulis</i>																								
<i>Standing Dead</i>																								
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>																								
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>									*															
<i>Tometyprnum nitens</i>																								
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>																								
Standing Water														3	2	8	*						18	
Unidentified forb																								
SUM	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	

Table A-2 (continued)

Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code				
	323	324	325	326	
<i>Alopecurus alpinus</i>	ALOP				
<i>Artemisia arctica</i>	ARAR				
<i>Artemisia borealis</i>	ARBO				
<i>Artemisia glomerata</i>	ARGL				
<i>Arctophila fulva</i>	ARFU				
<i>Arctogrostis latifolia</i>	ARLA				
<i>Astragalus alpinus</i>	ASAL				
<i>Aulacomnium sp.</i>	AULA				
Bare Ground	BARE	8	11	8	8
Bare rock	ROCK				
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	BRPS				
<i>Carex aquatilis</i>	CAAQ	13	27	5	24
<i>Carex atrofusca</i>	CAAT				
<i>Carex bigelowii</i>	CABI	20	7	8	8
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	CAHO				
<i>Carex membranacea</i>	CAME				
<i>Carex misandra</i>	CAMI	5			
<i>Caltha palustris</i>	CAPA				
<i>Carex rupestris</i>	CARU				
<i>Carex saxatilis</i>	CASA	*			
<i>Carex sp.</i>	CASP				
<i>Carex subspatheaceae</i>	CASU				
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i>	CATE				
<i>Carex ursina</i>	CAUR				
<i>Cerastium beeringianum</i>	CEBE				
<i>Cetraria sp.</i>	CETR	*			
<i>Chrysanthymum arcticum</i>	CHAR				
<i>Chrysanthymum integrifolia</i>	CHIN				
<i>Cladonia sp.</i>	CLAD				
<i>Cochlearia officinalis</i>	COOF				
Crustose Lichen	CRLI				
<i>Dactylina arctica</i>	DAAR				
<i>Distichium sp.</i>	DIST				
<i>Drepanocladus sp.</i>	DREP	*	2		

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Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code					
	323	324	325	326	*	
<i>Dryas integrifolia</i>	DRIN	7				
<i>Dupontia fischeri</i>	DUFI	8	25	23		26
<i>Elymus arenarius</i>	ELAR					
<i>Empetrum nigricans</i>	EMNI					
<i>Equisetum arvense</i>	EQAR					
<i>Epilobium latifolium</i>	EPLA					
<i>Equisetum variegatum</i>	EQVA	*				
<i>Eriophorum angustifolium</i>	ERAN	28	13	13		23
<i>Eritrichum arctioides</i>	ERAR					
<i>Eriophorum russeolum</i>	ERRU					
<i>Eriophorum scheuchzeri</i>	ERSC					
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	ERVA					
<i>Festuca vivipara</i>	FEVI					
<i>Funaria hygrometrica</i>	G EGL					
<i>Geum glaciale</i>	G EGL					
<i>Geum rossii</i>	GERO					
Grass	GRAS					
<i>Honckenya peploides</i>	HOPE					
<i>Hypnum bambergeri</i>	HYBA					
<i>Juncus biglumis</i>	JUBI	*				
<i>Lepraria neglecta</i>	LENE					
Lichens	LICH					
Litter	LITT	9	8	12		9
Liverwort	LIVE					
<i>Luzula confusa</i>	LUCO					
<i>Melandrium apetalum</i>	MEAP					
<i>Minuartia obtusiloba</i>	MIOB					
Moss	MOSS					
Mud	MUD	4				
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	OXDY					
<i>Papaver macunii</i>	PAMA					
<i>Papaver lapponicum</i>	PALA					
<i>Pedicularis sudetica</i>	PESU	*	*			2
<i>Poa arctica</i>	POAR					
<i>Polygonum bistorta</i>	POBI					

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Plant taxa/Ground cover	Code				
	323	324	325	326	
<i>Polytrichum commune</i>	POLY				
<i>Polygonum viviparum</i>	POVI	*			
<i>Primula borealis</i>	PRBO				
<i>Puccinellia arctica</i>	PUAR				
<i>Puccinellia lanigera</i>	PULA				
<i>Puccinellia phryganodes</i>	PUPH				
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	PYGR				
<i>Ranunculus nivalis</i>	RANI				
<i>Salix arctica</i>	SAAR	5	23		
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	SACE				
<i>Saxifraga foliosa</i>	SAFO				
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i>	SAHI	*			
<i>Salix lanata</i>	SALA				
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	SAOP				
<i>Salix ovalifolia</i>	SAOV		5		
<i>Salix phlebophylla</i>	SAPH				
<i>Salix pulchra</i>	SAPU				
<i>Salix reticulata</i>	SARE	3			
<i>Salix rotundifolia</i>	SARO				
<i>Sasauria angustifolia</i>	SAAN				
<i>Salix sp.</i>	SASP				
<i>Scorpidium scorpioides</i>	SCSC	3			
<i>Senecio atropurpureus</i>	SEAT				
<i>Silene acaulis</i>	SIAC				
Standing Dead	STDE				
<i>Stellaria humifusa</i>	STHU				
<i>Thamnia sp.</i>	THAM				
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	TONI	5			
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idea</i>	VAVI				
Standing Water	WATER				
Unidentified forb	FORB				
SUM		100	100	100	100