

	(1) <i>A. dioica</i> (L.) GAERTN. from Europe and Asia.	(2) <i>A. groenlandica</i> PORSILD	(3) <i>A. intermedia</i> (ROSEN V.) PORSILD	(4) <i>A. alpina</i> (L.) GAERTN.	(5) <i>A. glabrata</i> (VAHL) PORSILD
Caudex	with rosulate clusters and with prostrate, apically upward bent stolons	= 1.	= 1	= 1, the stolons are, however, relatively shorter	cespitose, stolons wanting, with densely aggregated clusters of rosulate leaves
Rosulate leaves	lanceolate - spatulate, ordinarily with small apiculus, 15-30 (-45) mm long, 5-9 mm broad	= 1, but smaller and narrower, 10-24 mm long, 2-5 mm broad	= 2	lanceolate - spatulate, often without apiculus, 10-20 mm long, 2-4 mm broad	narrow lanceolate, apiculus ordinarily distinct, 10-20 mm long, 1-3 mm broad
Tomentum of rosulate leaves	ordinarily only on the underside, in the var. <i>hyperborea</i> on both sides. Tomentum dense, but thin, snowy white, almost shining, reminding one of napless, worn out cloth.*	equally on both sides. Tomentum dense and thick, not snowy white, but with a faint gray-greenish tint, reminding one of nappy, not worn cloth.	= 2	varying much, nearly always densely tomentous on the underside, often on both. Sometimes the felt is with interstices, floccose, grayish white, not shining	ordinarily tomentum quite absent, with isolated rudimentary hairs, rarely with small isolated floccose tufts
Flowering stems	12-20 (-25) cm high tomentous	10-16 (-20) cm high tomentous	= 2	5-12 (-18) cm high, tomentous	8-10 (-12) cm high, slender, without hairs
Inflorescence	cymose with 3-7 brevipedicellate heads, rarely corymbiform (var. <i>corymbifera</i> HARTM.)	= 1	subglobose, heads 8-12 small nearly sessile	= 1, the var. <i>Friesiana</i> only with 1-3 heads	ordinarily one large head seldom two.
Length of flowering heads	10-12 mm	6-8 mm	4-6 mm	6-8 mm	8-12 mm