Papaver kluanense  

**ALPINE POPPY**

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**Papaveraceae (Poppy Family)**

**Synonym:** *Papaver lapponicum* ssp. *occidentale*  
**Look Alikes:** *P. croceum*, an introduced plant persisting around old alpine mining town sites, has large bright
orange petals.

**Flowering/Fruiting Period:** Flowers late June-August.

**Habitat:** Dry alpine tundra meadows, gravelly slopes, talus, scree, and fell-fields. Elev. 11,500-14,000 ft.

**Distribution:** Alaska to Greenland, south to New Mexico. In Colorado in Boulder, Chaffee, Clear Creek, El Paso, Gilpin, Grand, Gunnison, Lake, Park and Summit Cos.

**References:** Spackman et al. 1995; Welsh 1974; Welsh et al. 1993.