

Phippsia algida

ICE GRASS



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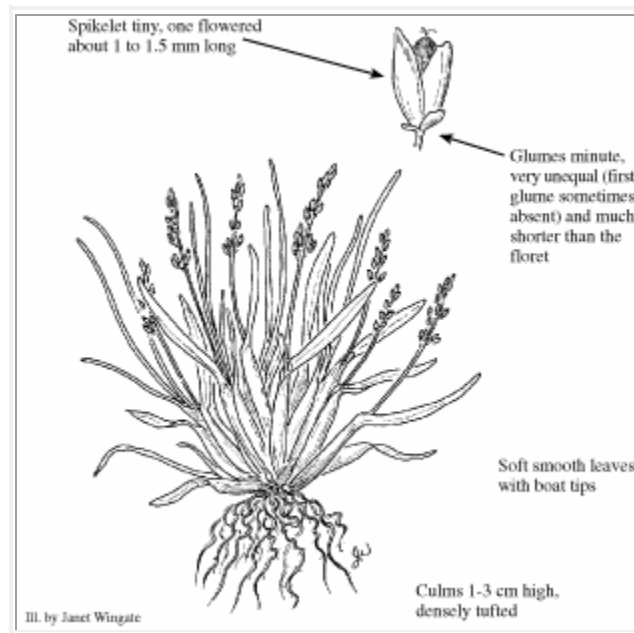


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Poaceae (Grass Family)

Look Alikes: The plant vegetatively resembles *Poa annua*, but *P. algida* leaves are very short, usually less than 1 cm. Also, *P. algida* has only one floret per spikelet and the glumes are tiny and unequal, with the first glume sometimes missing.

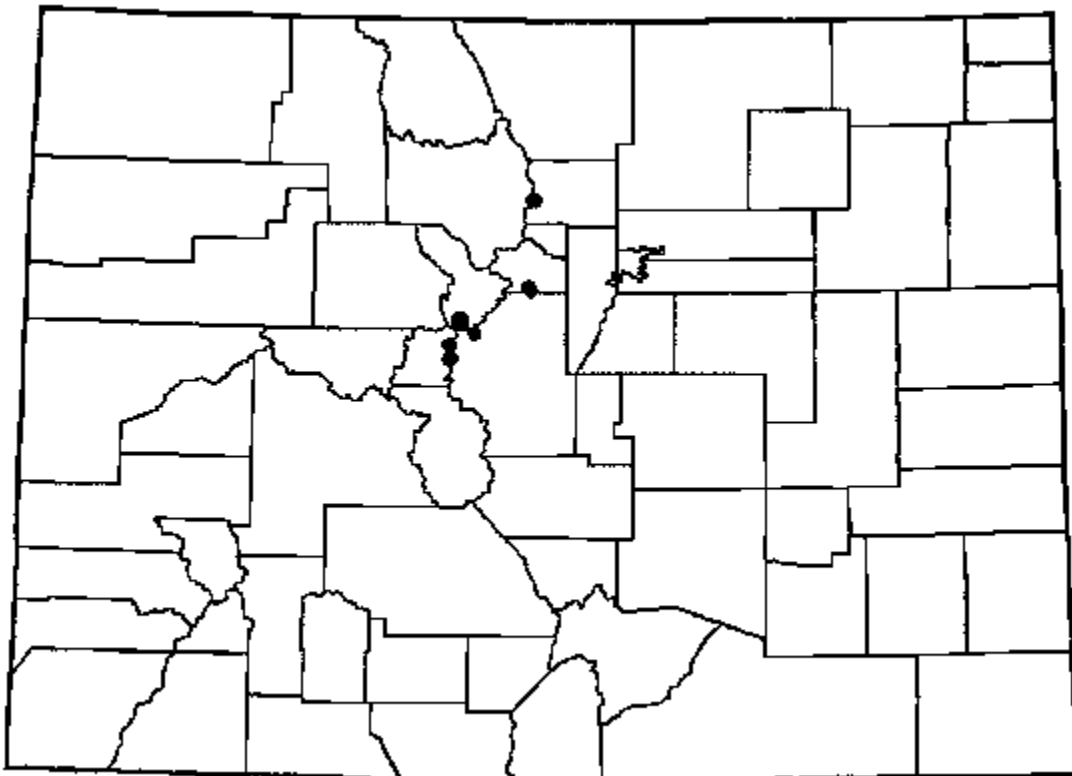
Flowering/Fruiting Period: Fruits mid July-September.

Habitat: Cold gravels of snowmelt streamlets; saturated sand at inlets to alpine lakes.
Elev. 11,700-14,000 ft.



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Distribution: Northern Asia, Scandinavia, Greenland, Canada, Alaska, Montana, NW Wyoming and disjunct in Colorado (Boulder, Clear Creek, Park and Summit Cos.).



References: Hultén 1968, Weber 1952, Welsh 1974.

