

# COMMON GOAT'S-BEARD

*Aruncus dioicus* var. *acuminatus*

Rose Family (Rosaceae)

Synonyms: *Spiraea acuminata*, *Aruncus sylvester*

**Habitat:** Wet slopes, meadows and along streamsides in rich soil.

## DISTRIBUTION

**Yukon:** Known from a single collection from the Alsek River

**North America:** From Alaska south to Alberta and California

**World:** Only variety *acuminatus* occurs in Western North America

## CONSERVATION RANK

**Global rank:** Secure (G5)

**Canadian rank:** Secure (N5)

**Yukon rank:** Historical (SH); last reported in 1975

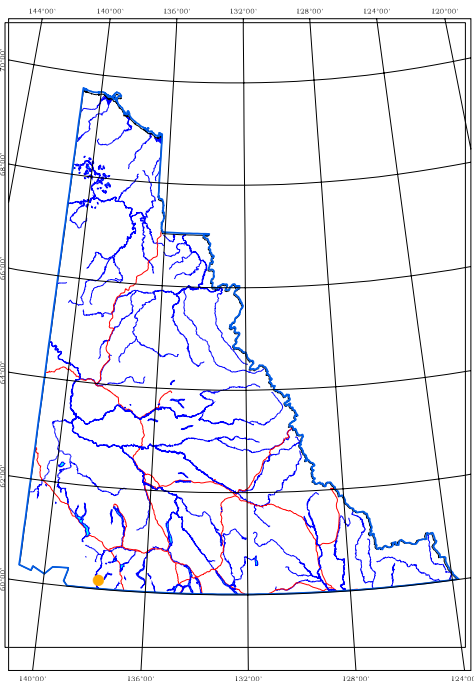
**Distinguishing features:** Perennial from a thick, woody root. Stems 1 – 2 m tall, often forming clumps. Leaves alternate, divided into 3 or more serrated leaflets. Lower leaves may be pinnate, with multiple branches of leaflets. Flowers in a 10 – 50 cm long crowded panicle. Flowers small, white, densely crowded in inflorescence. Male and female flowers borne on separate plants (dioecious).



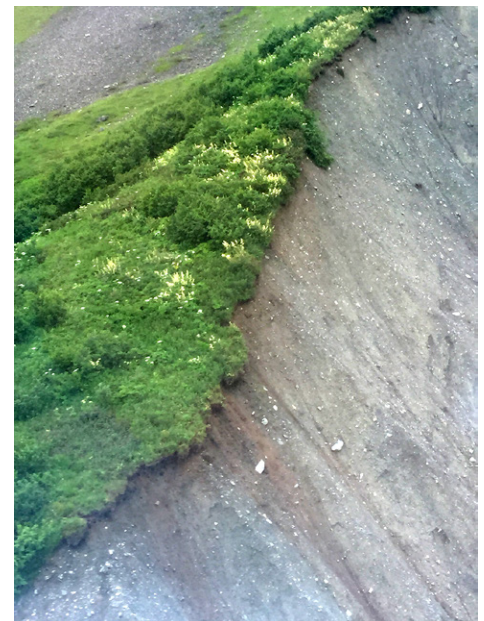
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