



# NEWSLETTER

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## Calendar

Mark Your Calendars Now! The next issue comes in February. Also check for late-breaking current events at the Alaska Rock Garden Society Website at: <http://www.args.org/>

**November 21, 2003, Friday, 6:30 PM Regular Meeting. "Winter Color in the Garden" by Les Brake and Tina Garay at Rm 130 CO-Operative Extension Bldg.. [NOTE THE DAY (FRIDAY) AND TIME (6:30 PM) CHANGE for this special presentation by visiting ARGS members.]**

**December 20, 2003, Saturday, Time and Place in Anchorage to be announced, ARGS Christmas Party and Potluck. Look for e-mails and/or website (<http://www.args.org/>) for details in December.**

**January 17, 2004, Saturday, 2 PM Regular Meeting in the Valley. Place to be announced. Verna Pratt and others will discuss plants on the current ARGS seed list, with special emphasis on those from the Nome Expedition..**

**February 21, 2004, Saturday, 2 PM Regular Meeting in Anchorage. Place and topic to be announced.**

January 30-February 1, 2004 Eastern Winter Study Weekend. "Special Plants for Special Gardens" Radisson Hotel Valley Forge, Pennsylvania. Sponsored by The Delaware Valley Chapter of NARGS. Contact: Jim McClements (302) 734-2836 or JimMcClem@aol.com.

March 5-7, 2004 Western Winter Study Weekend. "Braving the Elements" hosted by Emerald Chapter. Valley River Inn, Eugene, Oregon. Contact: Holly Helton (541) 345-9103.

May 5-8, 2004 NARGS Annual Meeting. "Rebellious Rock Gardening" hosted by the Piedmont Chapter, Sheraton Imperial Hotel & Convention Center, Research Triangle Park (Raleigh-Durham). Contact: Karen and Dave Duch (919) 467-0653 or kmduch@bellsouth.net

May 9-14, 2004 NARGS Expedition to the Mountains of Western North Carolina. For details, see [www.nargs.org](http://www.nargs.org).

## From Our President, Carmel Tysver

Guess I have to face the fact that it is fall and winter is just around the corner, maybe! Neil and I just returned from Boise and Spokane, hope they are not the only places we'll see snow this winter.

It also means that its time to plan whom the club would like as speakers, what topics for programs, and where to go on trips. The board has identified a few projects already and Rita Jo has been busy trying to complete an itinerary for Dan Hinkley in June. Les Brake has been talking to Lauren Springer and Scott Ogednare for July. In mid August we're planning a seed-collecting trip, which will be a weekend of camping at a sedimentary copper mine off the Denali Highway. Neil says at that time of the year there is one slope solid blue from Forget-me-nots, should be seeds available for collecting.

Then there is the plant sales in May, hope everyone is planning on growing lots of

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by Rhonda Williams**

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new plants. The plant sales support the efforts of the club to bring national speakers to Alaska. Each May there is a sale in Anchorage and a week later in Wasilla. So what does this mean to you the member, if you want to have the national speakers, they do not come cheap, besides airfare there is usually a speakers fee, grow and sell plants!! We also return part of the sale price to the grower. Support your habit! It has mine! Neil loves it as I have a tendency to want everything I see.

As members we need your help to make 2004 an exciting year. It's nice to have refreshments at the talks, cookies and punch, and then members are needed to help with the admission table by selling memberships and taking the monies. Member's presence is required at the plant sales to talk to the public and help with their plant selections and again take the money. Then if we have a garden tour again this year we need members to volunteer their garden and one person in the Valley and one person in Anchorage to coordinate the tour. Another fun and good learning experience is the Plant Show. Last year we had our first show at the botanical garden during the Garden Fair. The public was very impressed and the ABG received positive comments. So as you grow those plants think about what would be exciting to pot up and bench. You'll also learn a whole new language. So please

volunteer to help with the many activities so we don't burn out the few who have been doing most of the work. It's your organization and only you can make it grow and be a force in the gardening community of Alaska.

The name of the organization is the Alaska Rock Garden Society. To help make the organization more known statewide the October meeting was held in Kenai at the Agriculture Building. There are several members on the Peninsula and the board thought we should see if they would appreciate a meeting locally. It was a very rainy, dark night, sure glad I was with a local or I am afraid I would have been very lost. There were about 18 people there and I would like to introduce two new members, Ron and Kathy Sexton. Thank you for joining us. They own a nursery so we'll have to stop there next year on our hypertufa weekend. I even recognized a few faces from previous trips, thank you for coming. Rita Jo arranged for Tom Jahn to show slides of his trip to the British Isles, beautiful. It was nice to see how they looked in the spring as we were there in the fall several years ago.

The November meeting will be here in Anchorage on November 21, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. at Room 130 at the Cooperative Extension office. Les Brake and Tina Garay will talk on Winter Color in the Garden.

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## Alaska Rock Garden Society 2004 Seed Exchange

Greetings Alaska Rock Garden Society Members,

Welcome to another fine seed selection from our above named donors. As there is good quantities we will be able to offer all donors a choice of 25 seed packets and non-donors 15 seed packets. Please try to order in numerical order as it does make it easier for me to fill your requests. Please get your orders to me as soon as possible because the rare species go very quickly. You have till the end of December but if you wait that long please include a large list of substitutes. Please include \$3.00 to cover costs of mailing and envelopes; you can make the checks out to me or to the Alaska Rock Garden Society.

Orders should be placed prior to the February meeting at which any remaining seeds may be distributed.

I've also listed the seed donors by number who have generously donated seed and made this list possible. Thanks to all of you.

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|--------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| (1) Florene Carney | (2) Rosemary Kimball | (3) Rhonda Williams |
| (4) Unison Hubbard | (5) Kathryn Zins     | (6) Joyce Glaze     |
| (7) C.L. Johnson   | (8) Ed Buyarski      | (9) Marilyn Barker  |
| (10) Verna Pratt   | (11) Karen Mattson   | (12) Teena Garay    |
| (13) Kathy Swick   | (14) Nicki Nielson   |                     |

Rhonda Williams, Seed Exchange Coordinator

\*Field notes from the ARGS expedition to Nome can be found on the Alaska Rock Garden Society Web Page: [www.args.org](http://www.args.org).



## Alaska Rock Garden Society 2004 Seed Exchange

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| 1 Acer grandidentatum                | 300 x 200, large maple from Colorado with wonderful foliage and palmate leaves. Very hardy. (3)   |
| 2 Aconitum lamarckii                 | perennial to 3- 6 feet with yellow flowers (6)  |
| 3 Aconitum sp ex ARGS 0661           | oyster with blue colored flowers to 2 feet for the perennial border in full sun (12)  |
| 4 Aconitum sp.ex DJHC 98410          | hardy vine with intense purple flowers to 10 feet. Collector's number is Dan Hinckley's from Herronswood (12)   |
| 5 Aethionema grandiflora             | Bright pink flower in floriferous clusters, succulent like foliage in pleasing bright green. Rock garden to 10 x 18 inches (3)  |
| 6 Allium beesiana                    | Pink flower balls for the rock garden to 10 x 10 inches. (3)  |
| 7 Allium cernuum                     | border perennial or rock garden to 12 – 18 inches with deep rose flowers sometimes purple (6)(12)   |
| 8 Allium tanguticum Summer Beauty    | 12 – 16 inches, lavender – blue flower heads. (4)   |
| 9 Anemone rupicola x sikkim          | Pink flowers on long stiff wands and feathery foliage for the rock garden 12 x 8 inches (3)(14)   |
| 10 Anemone trullifolia               | Blue or white flowers on erect wands. Feathery foliage. 8 x 8 inches. Rock garden (3)   |
| 11 Androsace lactiflora              | Small self sowing annual with white flowers for the rock garden, cute rosettes show up here and there never causing problems. (1)   |
| 12 Angelica aff gigas                | Found growing in seed at the old Alaskan Village Trailer Park. Plant is 7 feet tall, many stalked, and no one has lived there for at least two years. (10)  |
| 13 Apargidium boreal                 | Alaskan Native growing in damp meadows. 8-10 inches with long narrow leaves, one yellow flower similar to a dandelion. (9)  |
| 14 Aquilegia alpina                  | Pink flowers to 10 – 12 inches (6)  |
| 15 Aquilegia bertolonii              | blue – violet nodding flowers for the rock garden to 4 – 12 inches (13)   |
| 16 Aquilegia biedermeier             | Perennial to 22 inches with pink and white flowers (7)  |
| 17 Aquilegia glandulosa var. jacunda | Blue and white upward facing flowers to 12 inches for the rock garden, ex Caucasus. (3)   |
| 18 Aquilegia sp.                     | Found in Gustavus with brilliant dark blue flowers. Have had a lot of requests for this plant so hope everyone is watching for this list. Too tall for the rock garden, but a great border plant. (1) |
| 19 Aquilegia sp.                     | Perennial form with pink flowers. Not for the rock garden (14)  |
| 20 Aquilegia Black Barlow            | 18 inches with dark purple flowers that are spurless (4)  |
| 21 Aquilegia vulgaris Woodside Blue  | purple flowers to 15 inches, likes full sun and border conditions (12)  |
| 22 Arabis sp                         | to 6 inches with lavender flowers (5)   |
| 23 Armeria juniperifolia             | 3inches x 12 inches wide. Pinnate foliage, pinkish flowers. A different look. (1)(13)(14)   |
| 24 Armeria maritima                  | Wild seed collected in Wooly lagoon, Nome Alaska with very long wands of pink balls and needle like foliage in tufts (1)(3)   |
| 25 Armeria maritima Cottontail       | 3 inch white flowers, cute as a bunny! (1)  |
| 26 Armeria maritima splendens        | Pink flowers to 6 inches, sun part shade (5)  |
| 27 Arnica frigida                    | for the rock garden to 16 inches with yellow flowers (13)   |
| 28 Arnica lessingii                  | Nodding yellow flowers 7 – 8 inches, wild seed collected Council Rd, Nome Alaska (3) (1) (10)   |
| 29 Artemisia globularia              | wild seed collected Taylor highway, Nome Alaska, silver mounds on this native globe wormwood (1)(3)   |
| 30 Artemisia senjavinensis           | wild seed collected Skookum River Pass, Taylor highway, Nome Alaska. Silky silver mats (1)(3)   |
| 31 Aster alpinus                     | lavender-pink 4 – 6 inch flowers a rock garden staple (1)   |
| 32 Aster coloradoensis               | 5 in x 5 in, very bright pink daisies and gray green foliage on this splendid alpine for the rock garden. (3)   |
| 33 Aster Sub-spicatus                | 15 – 18 inches with lavender – blue 1-½ inch flowers mid-summer. Taller and bluer than Siberian Aster. Alaskan native (10)  |
| 34 Astrantia Hadspens Blood          | Dark red flowers on this moisture lover for part shade to 2 feet (6)  |
| 35 Astrantia major alba              | to 24 inches with a spread of 12 – 18 inches, white flowers and moist soil. (5)   |
| 36 Astrantia maxima                  | pink flowers to 2 feet for the moist border (orig. plant from Helen Dillon) very nice. (12)   |
| 37 Boykinia richardsonii             | wild seed collected Anvil Mnt, Nome Alaska on wet rocks and meadows, large leaves   |



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- 38 *Bupleurum triadiatum* and whitish flowers on erect scapes. (1)(3)  
wild seed collected Taylor Highway, Nome Alaska. Basal leaves clasp; flowers are yellow to 2 – 4 inches tall(1)(3)
- 39 *Campanula Blue Chips* 8-inch very large blue – violet bells (10)
- 40 *Campanula lasiocarpa Dark Blue* Very dark blue form wild seed collected Nome Alaska. 1-2 inches tall (10)
- 41 *Carex gmelinii* To 24 inches on this wild sedge for sun to part shade. Grass (5)
- 42 *Cassiope tetragona* wild seed collected Taylor Highway and Anvil Mnt, Nome Alaska. Small shrub to 10 inches with white flowers tinged red (1)(3)
- 43 *Cerenthe major purpurascens* annual to 2- 3 feet with intense blue-purple flowers. (6)
- 44 *Clematis alpina Tadge Lundell* Nice red flowered variety with small flowers but a lot of them. Very hardy species that grows among my roses. To 8 – 10 feet. (3)
- 45 *Clematis fusca* climbing vine to 15 feet, violet flowers (6)
- 46 *Clematis integrifolia* to 2 feet with down turned chalice of medium blue. Great in the rock garden or growing among other plants in the well-drained border. (3)
- 47 *Clematis m. Blue Bird* Small flowered blue variety to 12 feet. Very Hardy and flowers heavily in the spring, periodically after that through out the season (3)
- 48 *Clematis tangutica* large vine, vigorous to 14 feet or more, yellow flowers (11)
- 49 *Cotoneaster rotundifolius* Low growing dwarf species for the rock garden with red-stemmed branches, white flowers and red berries. 8 x 24 inches. (3)
- 50 *Cyananthus lobatis* Very impressive late blooming rock garden plant with 4 inch purple flowers. (10)
- 51 *Delphinium New Zealand Mix* mix of popular elatum species to 6 feet tall (3)
- 52 *Delphinium sp* dark blue flowers with white bee to 6 feet (5)
- 53 *Delphinium Summer Blues* dwarf to 12 inches with bright blue flowers, rock garden or border (3)
- 54 *Dianthus alpinus* 2 inch mid – green leaves, showy 1-inch mid-pink flowers (10)
- 55 *Dianthus Diane* 3-6 inch bright pink flowers with dark eye. Very low growing. Exquisite. (1)
- 56 *Dianthus sp* stiff blue-green 4 inch leaves, flowers to 1 ¼ inches, soft pink, forms a mat to 7 – 8 inches (10)
- 57 *Dianthus sp* came as *D.erinaceus* but plant is 5 inches tall and flowers pink about ¾ inches (10)
- 58 *Dianthus Rainbow Loveliness* 18 inches, flowers are 1-½ inches and are light pink in color, fringed, very aromatic. Wispy, short lived but reseeds (10)
- 59 *Dianthus erinaceus* cushion forming prickly looking leaves. Small fringed pink flowers 3-6 inches (1)
- 60 *Dianthus Loveliness* Pink and white flowers to 10 inches or more (6)
- 61 *Dianthus Little Jock* Large gray mounds smothered in coral – pink flowers in mid – summer to fall. 12 x 24 inches (3)
- 62 *Dianthus Sooty* Dark red foliage and deep red flowers on this Sweet William for the border...stunning! (3)
- 63 *Dianthus superbus* pink fragrant flowers to 2 feet for the border in full sun (12)
- 64 *Digitalis grandiflora* yellow flowers to 2 feet for sun to part shade in the border or woodland garden (12)
- 65 *Dodecatheon sp* Violet pink flowers on these shooting stars. (5)
- 66 *Dodecatheon sp* Wild seed collected Mt Roberts, Juneau AK @ 2000ft  
Violet pink flowers (8)
- 67 *Douglasia nivalis Chumstick Form* silver gray foliage forms large mounds covered in pink flowers all season long. Very choice rock garden plant for sun and dry soil. (3)
- 68 *Draba brunifolia* yellow flowers on this species from ex ARGS #68 not orange as previously thought. Rock Garden, tufts (14)
- 69 *Dryas octopetala* wild seed collected Taylor Highway, Nome Alaska. Forms low mats of flowers white or light cream. (1)(3)
- 70 *Echinops Veitch's Blue* Intense blue balls on strong tall branches for the border to 5 feet or more. Bluer than most. (3)
- 71 *Echium russicum* Biennial to 20 inches, dark red flowers, boraginaceae, (6)
- 72 *Echium veccium* Blue to pink flowers. (6)
- 73 *Edraianthus serbicus* Deep blue bells encircle the base of this nice rock garden plant. Upward facing. 8 inches tall x 12 inches (3)
- 74 *Erigeron alpina* Pink or white rayed flowers to 8 – 10 inches very hardy. (6)



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- 75 Erigeron glaucus albus 6-10 inches, white – pale pink daisies (4)
- 76 Erinus alpinus compactus 3- 6 inches. Nice little scroph. (1)
- 77 Eryngium alpinum Deep intense blue sea holly for the well-drained border in full sun. 4 feet or more. (3)
- 78 Eryngium apiaceae sea holly to 24 inches; umbelliferae (5)
- 79 Festuca glauca dwarf blue fescue to 8 – 12 inches, grass, sun to part shade (5)
- 80 Filipendula purpurea albaflora perennial to 3 feet with white flowers in clusters (11)
- 81 Gentiana cruciata ssp phlogifolia bright blue flowers to 10 inches for the rock garden, corolla short. (14)
- 82 Gentiana kuroo Deep blue clustered trumpets and wide long green foliage to 18 inches tall. Border or rock garden. (3)
- 83 Gentiana platypetala Wild seed collected Mt Roberts @ 2000 feet Juneau AK, rock garden to 8-10 inches, brilliant blue flowers (8)
- 84 Gentiana septemfida Easy alpine rock garden gentian with deep blue trumpets. 10 in x 8 in (3)(13)
- 85 Gentiana septemfida x lagodechina Deep blue open trumpets and small leaves clustered up the branches to 10 x 8 inches. (3)
- 86 Gentiana suendermanii Intense large blue open-faced trumpets with white throats to 10 inches. Dark green foliage. Compact. (3)
- 87 Geranium Splish Splash perennial to 1 – 2 feet, white flowers splashed with purple markings (6)
- 88 Geranium Victor Rieter deep burgundy foliage and blue flowers forming very large mounds to 1- 2 feet. (6)
- 89 Geum calthifolium Caltha leaf Aven. 10 – 12 inches with rounded toothed leaves, 1 1/8 inch-5 petalled yellow flowers. Moist meadows for this Alaskan Native (9)
- 90 Geum Prairie Smoke (6)
- 91 Glaucidium palmatum ranunculacea; rock garden to 12 inches, pale lilac flowers (6)
- 92 Glaucidium palmatum leucanthum white form of above (6)
- 93 Gypsophila repens pink Large airy masses of pink flowers on this Baby’s Breath for the rock garden. Looks wonderful tumbling over walls and rocks. (3)
- 94 Hymenoxys grandiflora Hugh yellow sunflowers on ferny gray silver foliage. Saw this growing in the wild on Hoosier Ridge in Colorado. Can be monocarpic. 9 x 9 in (3)(13)
- 95 Incarvillea mairei lovely large pink flowers to 15 inches. Has proven to be quite hardy for us in the rock garden or border in sun. Ex ARGs seed (12)
- 96 Iris collettii ex ARGs 0666 Growing to 12 inches in my rock garden with blue falls and yellow spotted centers. Bloomed a long time. (3)
- 97 Iris setosa Alaska native Iris, light lavender flowers (10)
- 98 Jasione crispa to 4 – 18 inches with blue – balls on long wands (5)
- 99 Jasione laevis Bright blue balls on numerous thin wands, low growing green foliage. Border or rock garden. Can be very vigorous in it’s self sown seedlings. (3)
- 100 Lathyrus sativus var. Azureus beautiful annual vine to 6 feet for sunny areas, blue flowers (12)
- 102 Lavender stoechas Willowvale Spanish lavender to 14 inches, vibrant plump purple flower heads (6)
- 103 Leontopodium stellatum Nice compact Edelweiss, white wooly bracts to 8 inches. (3)
- 104 Leontopodium sp nice dwarf Edelweiss to 4 inches, white wooly bracts (13)
- 105 Leptarrhena pyrolifolia Leather – leaf saxifrage, 8 – 10 inches with evergreen basal leaves, 1 ½ inch spike of tiny white flowers followed by bright red seed pods. Wild seed collected in damp meadows in the Elias Mts, Alaska (9)
- 106 Lewisia pygmaea rock garden with dense rosettes and silvery pink flowers (6)
- 107 Lewisia Little Plum compact and easy form with deep pinkish purple flowers on this cotyledon hybrid to 10 inches. (3)
- 108 Ligularia s.The Rocket tall to 6 feet perennial with purple stems and yellow spires for shade and moist soil. (6)
- 109 Lilium pumilius fragrant orange flowers to 12 inches for full sun in either the rock garden or border (12)
- 110 Lloydia serotina Wild seed collected Council Highway Nome Alaska is this little Alp Lily, 3 -4 inches tall with ¾ inch white flowers (10)(1)(3)
- 111 Lonicera involucrata Bracted Honeysuckle, 3 – 6 foot shrub with small yellow flowers followed by black berries surrounded by bright red bracts. Low elevation wood lands. Alaskan Native (9)
- 112 Lychnis arkwrightii vesuvius Intense orange flowers to 16 inches for border or rock garden (5)
- 113 Lychnis chalcedonica Coral pink form with flowers on long waving scapes, whitish foliage, short lived (6)
- 114 Meconopsis betonicifolia alba white form to 2-5 feet, (8)
- 115 Meconopsis horridula ex ARGs China Trip, lavender flowers, hairy foliage, monocarpic, likes a moist rock



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- 116 *Meconopsis integrifolia* garden soil (10)  
lovely yellow flowers to 18 inches, sun or part shade. Rock garden or border. Ex A RGS seed (12)
- 117 *Meconopsis punicea* perennial to 2-3 feet with pendulous red flowers (8)
- 118 *Meconopsis quintuplinervia* perennial to 1 – 2 feet with lavender flowers (8)
- 119 *Mertensia asiatica* blue flowers to 6 inches for full sun in either the rock garden or border (12)
- 120 *Mertensia pterocarpa* rock garden to 9 inches, sky blue flowers from the far east (6)
- 121 *Mertensia simplicissima* Asia, low sprawling blue – green leaves, light blue small flowers. Like our native *Mertensia maritima* (10)
- 122 *Minuartia arctica* Arctic Sandwort is a mat forming plant with white ¾ inch flowers, likes a dry soil. Alaskan Native (10)
- 123 *Miscanthus sinensis gracillimus* this maiden grass forms clumps to 4 ft x 4ft with narrow dark green leaves with silver midrib, sun to part shade (5)
- 124 *Monarda didyma* Petite Delight 12 inches, large rose pink flowers and highly disease resistant (4)
- 125 *Nicandra* ( Shoo Fly ) Annual to 3-4 feet with blue flowers and white centers.
- 126 *Oenothera aff lacinata* Evening primrose to 4 feet with yellow flowers (11)
- 127 *Oxytropis nigrescens* this Alaskan Native forms clumps, very low with small purple flowers, for dry soil (10)
- 128 *Papaver alaskanum* Alaska lemon yellow poppy to 6 – 8 inches blooms all summer (5)
- 129 *Papaver alboroseum* with hairy leaves and 4-5 inch pale pink flowers this Alaskan Native likes dry soil (10)
- 130 *Papaver atlanticum x somniferum* Mixture of tall poppies with pinks and oranges predominate. Nice peony shaped flowers. (3)
- 131 *Papaver lapponicum* Wild seed collected Pike Lake, Kotzebue AK, rock garden to 6-8 inches with yellow flowers (8)
- 132 *Papaver somniferum* 3 – 4 feet, mixed colors (11)
- 133 *Papaver sp* very red form (7)
- 134 *Papaver Swiss Alpine Mix* A mix of these nice forms (2)
- 135 *Paronychia kapela* Tissue paper white flowers smother the ground covering foliage all season long. Non invasive. (3)
- 136 *Pedicularis sudetica ssp. albolabiata* wild seed collected Nome Alaska in various locations. 4 – 10 inches with pink, purple or red flowers. (1)(3)
- 137 *Penstemon davidsonii* very low evergreen spreader with pink flowers, great for troughs (10)
- 138 *Penstemon procerus tolmei* 'Hawk Eye' 3-4 inch light pink flowers for the rock garden (10)
- 139 *Penstemon sp* for the border or large rock garden to 2 x 2 feet with lavender flowers, sun (12)
- 140 *Penstemon menziesii* with finely toothed leaves and blue to purple flowers for the rock garden or border 1 to 8 – 10 inches (13)
- 141 *Peonia veitchii* pink flowers to 2 ½ feet for full sun and the border, (just a few seeds available)(12)
- 142 *Phylodoce aleutica glandulosa* wild seed collected Arctic Valley Alaska. Small shrub to 1 foot with light yellowish – green flowers (13)
- 143 *Phyteuma sieberi* intense blue balls on long airy wands float above the grass like foliage in the rock garden to 10 inches. (3)
- 144 *Polemonium viscosum* seed collected from very dwarf plants. Large blue flowers tiny foliage to 5 x 5 inches. (3) Jacobs Ladder
- 145 *Potentilla atrosanguinea* perennial to 2-3 feet with very dark purple flowers (6)
- 146 *Potentilla biflora* wild seed collected Council Road, Nome Alaska, cream-colored flowers. (1)
- 147 *Potentilla megalantha* rock garden to 4 – 12 inches, bright yellow flowers, and strawberry like foliage. (6)
- 148 *Potentilla Miss Willmott* to 1 foot with rose – red flowers (7)
- 149 *Potentilla sp* wild seed collected at Mt. Eddy, Ca @ 3000 feet with yellow flowers to 10 inches for the sun and rock garden (12)
- 150 *Primula alpicola* Mix of white and lavender flowers, rock garden to 12 inches (8)
- 151 *Primula anvilensis* wild seed collected Council Rd, Nome Alaska. Choice and rare little alpine to 1 – 2 inches light lavender flowers in wet areas. (1)(3)
- 152 *Primula auricula* whitish cream flowers to 4 – 8 inches for the rock garden (8)
- 153 *Primula auricula Arundel Stripe* 8 inches tall with wine and cream colored flowers, nice in the rock garden (10)
- 154 *Primula cockburniana* rock garden to 10 – 14 inches with scarlet orange flowers (8)



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- 155 *Primula deflexa* muscarioides sec. dark purple flowers, some meal on long stalks. Humus rich soil in part shade (8)
- 156 *Primula eximia* Chukchi Primrose to 5 – 7 inches with tubular, salver form bright pink flowers. Wet meadows. Wild seed collected near Cordova, Alaska (9)
- 157 *Primula halleri* clear pink to deep rose flowers to 3 – 8 inches for the rock garden (14)
- 158 *Primula laurentiana* perennial to 1 -2 foot with lilac flowers (8)
- 159 *Primula polyneura* 12 -14 inches with vary-colored flowers (8)
- 160 *Primula rosea* rock garden to 3- 4 inches with glowing rose pink flowers. (8)
- 170 *Primula scotica* rose pink flowers on this Scottish primrose to 2- 3 inches. Heavy farina. (14)
- 180 *Primula secundiflora* rock garden to 1 foot with dark ruby purple flowers for the border or woodland garden. Ex ARGS seed (8)(12)
- 190 *Primula septeloba*
- 191 *Primula sikkimensis* ex ARGS seed with yellow flowers to 12 inches. Does well in sun or part shade in the border or woodland garden (12)
- 200 *Primula sinopurpurea* ex ARGS 0695 rock garden to 4-16 inches and purple flowers (8)
- 201 *Primula veris* fragrant red flowers on this one to 4-8 inches (8)
- 202 *Primula vialii* perennial or biennial to 1 -2 foot, bluish violet flowers on spires (8)
- 203 *Primula watsonii* muscarioides sec, dark purple flowers, almost black, some meal on the flower stem, humus rich soil in part shade (8)
- 204 *Primula yuparensis* pale rose – purple flowers for the rock garden to 9 inches (8)
- 205 *Primula* sp Red candelabra species, nice (6)
- 206 *Pulsatilla vulgaris* Deep purple flowers with yellow centers. 8-10 inches. Very showy. (1)
- 207 *Rhodiola integrifolia* succulent foliage and pink flowers on this little sedum look alike to 8 inches. (3)
- 208 *Rhododendron camtschaticum* shrub, 2 -3 inch large magenta flowers. Wild seed collected on the Taylor Highway Nome Alaska and the Council Rd. (10)(3)(1)
- 209 *Sanguisorba obtusa* Japanese pink burnet, perennial to 18 – 20 inches with white flowers. (6)
- 210 *Sanguisorba* sp our native form with red flowers (6)
- 211 *Saussurea gossipiphora* mounds of white wooly spider webs on this strange and rare alpine from the Himalaya to 8 in. (3)
- 212 *Saxifraga x arendsii* Nice green mossy form with white flowers forming nice large mounds to 8 x 12 inches (3)
- 213 *Saxifraga bronchialis* Forms a large bun covered with cream flowers in the spring. (1)
- 214 *Saxifraga callosa* Silver encrusted large florets and white flowers in spring. Beautiful. (3)
- 215 *Saxifraga foliosa* wild seed collected Wooly Lagoon, Nome Alaska on wet gravel and permafrost. White flowers and grainy bulbils on this grained saxifrage (1)(3)
- 216 *Saxifraga hirculus* wild seed collected Council Rd, Nome Alaska in wet areas. Low mat forming foliage, flowers are ¾ inch and bright yellow on 4 inch stems (10)(1)(3)
- 217 *Saxifraga hypnoides* Large bright green mounds and white sometimes-yellow flowers to 8 inches. (3)
- 218 *Saxifraga London Pride* Bright white edges on 4-inch rosettes, white flowers (5)
- 219 *Saxifraga lyallii* Red –stemmed Saxifrage with 8-inch reddish-branched stems with a few small white flowers at ends. Grows along mountain streams. Alaskan Native (9)(13) wild seed collected Chugach Mnt's, Arctic Valley streamside.
- 220 *Saxifraga nudicaulis* Wild seed collected Wooly Lagoon Nome Alaska. Low growing leaves, 4-5 inch open sprays of small white flowers with pink centers. Seeds are red. Stunning plant! (10)(3)(1)
- 221 *Saxifraga oppositifolius* ssp. *smalliana* wild seed collected Wooly Lagoon, Nome Alaska on wet rocks. Choice buns or mats with rose- pink flowers. (1)(3)
- 222 *Saxifraga* sp. Silver Very prostrate. Silver edged leaves and white flowers. Pretty all year. (1)
- 223 *Saxifraga* sp ex ARGS #0518 species from past China expedition (14)
- 224 *Saxifraga rivularis* Alpine Brook Saxifrage to 2 – 3 inches with very small leaves, multiple stems of tiny white flowers. Grows in damp places in high alpine. Alaskan Native (9)
- 225 *Saxifraga unalascensis* wild seed collected Anvil Mnt, Nome Alaska on stony tundra. 4 – 5 inches on this clumping plant with smooth basal leaves. Flowers are white and narrow with seedpods a



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- 226 Saxifraga ventusta dark purple (1)(3) forms extensive large mats of small silver encrusted florets, white flowers. Choice! (3)
  - 227 Sedum album nice little stonecrop to 6 inches with white flowers, likes full sun (5)
  - 228 Semi – Aquilegia ecalcarata Beautiful lacy columbine – like foliage with a beautiful mauve flower. I get lots of requests for this one. My top ten rock garden plant list) 12 – 14 inches (1)
  - 229 Senecio atropurpurea Wild seed collected Anvil Mnt, Nome Alaska in wet meadows. (10)(1)(3)
  - 230 Silene flos-jovis could be Lychnis flos-jovis, perennial to 1 – 2 feet with purple to scarlet flowers (6)
  - 231 Silene sp long blooming plant for the rock garden with pink flowers to 6 inches (13)
  - 232 Sisyrinchium augustifolium to 6 inches on this blue-eyed grass with small ½ inch flowers in mid-summer on long flat stalks (11)
  - 233 Sisyrinchium montanum perennial to 1-½ feet with blue – violet flowers (13)
  - 234 Smelowskia calcina wild seed collected Taylor highway, Nome Alaska on calcareous rock. 6 inches with white, cream or yellow flowers. (1)(3)
  - 235 Smilacina racemosa (large leaf form) cream-colored flowers to 2 feet for the woodland garden in part shade (12)
  - 236 Smilacina racemosa (small leaf form) cream-colored flowers to 2 feet for the woodland garden in part shade (12)
  - 237 Soldanella alpine rock garden to 2 – 3 inches with pale to deep mauve flowers (8)
  - 238 Thlaspi montana little mounds with white flowers for the rock garden to 4 –12 inches (14)
  - 239 Thalictrum aquilegifolium lovely airy look on this meadow rue with white fluffy flowers to 2 x 3ft x 1 ft, light shade (5)
  - 240 Thalictrum delavayi var. Decorum ex ARGS collection to 5 feet with lavender flowers for the sun and border (12)
  - 241 Thalictrum rochbrunianum lavender – pink flowers on this meadow – rue to 7 feet, Hardy (11)
  - 242 Tellima grandiflora 12 in on these fringe cups, lavender to pink flowers and part shade. (5)
  - 243 Trollius pumilus 8 inches with yellow flowers (4)
  - 244 Trollius sp ex ARGS #525, looks like Trollius yunnanensis but only 1 ft. tall with buttercup yellow flowers (10)
  - 245 Tulipa tarda creamy star like flowers for the rock garden to 4 inches (14)
  - 246 Veronica schmidiana Fast spreading groundcover for the rock garden or anywhere else. Bright blue flowers to 5 in x 12 in (3)
  - 247 Viola corsica purple flowers to 12 inches, sun and border or rock garden (12)
  - 248 Wilhelmsia physodes wild seed collected Woolly Lagoon, Nome Alaska in shallow water. Red prostrate foliage and creamy colored flowers (1)(3)
- Addendum
- 999 Campanula glomerata alba perennial to 1 – 3 feet with large white bells. Sun and border soil. (13)

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