

Table 1. Preliminary vegetation classification based on habitat and dominant species and sample numbers for each type.

| Principal habitat | Preliminary community name | Plots |
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| Dry tundra | | |
| South-facing slopes | <i>Dryas octopetala - Selaginella sibirica</i> | SWT-7, 18, 47*, 60 |
| Outwash terraces and till | <i>Arctous alpina - Hierochloë alpina Vaccinium vitis-ideae - Calamagrostis purpurascens</i> <i>Betula nana - Cladina arbuscula</i> <i>Salix phlybophylla - Vaccinium vilis-ideae</i> | SWT-5*, 46^, 71 SWT-65*, 69 SWT-3, 6, 66, 70* SWT-63 |
| Ground squirrel mounds | <i>Poa glauca - Ranunculus pedatifidus</i> | SWT-17, 48*, 76, 31 |
| Sorted and non sorted stripes | <i>Dryas integrifolia - Dicranum sp.</i> | SWT-40*, 44* |
| Frost scars | <i>Luzula arctica - Juncus biglumis</i> | SWT-80, 35*, 74, 64 |
| Snowbeds | | |
| Upper snowbeds | <i>Empetrum nigrum - Ledum decumbens</i> | SWT-8^, 19 |
| Middle snowbeds | <i>Cassiope tetragona - Carex microchaeta</i> <i>Cassiope tetragona - Geum glaciale</i> | SWT-49* SWT-9, 20, 50* |
| Lower deep snowbeds | <i>Salix rotundifolia - Hylocomium splendens</i> | SWT-51* |
| Moist tundra | | |
| Water track margins | <i>Betula nana - Sphagnum rubellum</i> | SWT-36, 75* |
| Minerotrophic slopes | <i>Carex bigelowii - Tomenthypnum nitens</i> | SWT-22, 23, 39*, 42^, 43^, 53*, 56*, 77 |
| Tussock tundra | <i>Eriophorum vaginatum - Sphagnum rubellum</i> | SWT-25, 26*, 32*, 54*, 73^, 81 |
| Lower minerotrophic slopes | <i>Equisetum arvense - Carex bigelowii</i> | SWT-10, 21, 24, 41*, 45*, 52^ |
| Fen hummocks | <i>Trichophorum caespitosum - Tomenthypnum nitens</i> | SWT-14*, 38*, 58* |
| Stream banks, lake margins | <i>Carex podocarpa - Dodecatheon frigidum</i> | SWT-1, 16, 34*, 62 |
| Riparian willows | <i>Salix lanata - Salix alaxensis</i> | SWT-2*, 28, 33, 67 |
| Shrubby south-facing slopes | <i>Salix glauca</i> | SWT-59, 61* |
| Stream margins | <i>Salix pulchra - Dodecatheon frigidum</i> | SWT-68* |
| Wet tundra | | |
| Fens, deeper water | <i>Carex aquatilis - Eriophorum angustifolium</i> | SWT-12, 13*, 29, 72 |
| Fens, shallow water | <i>Carex chordorrhiza - Carex rariflora</i> | SWT-II* 15, 37*, 55, 57* |
| Water tracks | <i>Salix pulchra - Sphagnum squarrosum</i> | SWT-27* |
| Lake margins | <i>Arctophila fulva - Hippuris vulgaris</i> | SWT-4, 30* |
| Water tracks | <i>Salix pulchra - Sphagnum rubellum</i> | SWT-78, 79* |

* Plots with soil descriptions and soil analysis for most horizons.

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All other plots have soil analysis for horizon at 10-cm depth (rooting zone).