

# Moss campion

Scientific name: *Silene acaulis* (L.) Jacq.

Common names: Moss campion

Moss campion is another alpine tundra species found high in the Uinta Mountains. Like other alpine species, this plant has special adaptations to survive harsh conditions. Small, narrow leaves, low, cushion-like growth form and stemless flowers protect that plant from the wind and retain heat and moisture. Moss campion is long lived and slow growing. Research has shown that the taproots of this plant can reach 3 to 6 feet in depth. The pink to pink-purple flowers are less than half an inch across and bloom for only a few weeks during the summer.

