

Arabis alpina

[Synonyms : *Arabidium alpestre*, *Arabidium alpinum*, *Arabidium saxeticolum*, *Arabis albida*, *Arabis albida* var. *elata*, *Arabis alpina* var. *albida*, *Arabis alpina* var. *alpina*, *Arabis alpina* subsp. *cantabrica*, *Arabis alpina* var. *clusiana*, *Arabis alpina* var. *commutata*, *Arabis alpina* var. *glabrata*, *Arabis alpina* forma *impudica*, *Arabis alpina* subsp. *merinoi*, *Arabis alpina* var. *minor*, *Arabis alpina* forma *phyllopetala*, *Arabis canescens*, *Arabis cantabrica*, *Arabis caucasica* var. *leiopoda*, *Arabis clusiana*, *Arabis crispata*, *Arabis cuneifolia*, *Arabis cuneifolia* forma *kiboensis*, *Arabis cuneifolia* forma *meruensis*, *Arabis grandiflora*, *Arabis hirsuta*, *Arabis incana*, *Arabis janitrix*, *Arabis lechenfeldiana*, *Arabis leptocarpaea*, *Arabis linneana*, *Arabis merinoi*, *Arabis minor*, *Arabis monticola*, *Arabis moschata*, *Arabis nana*, *Arabis obtusifolia*, *Arabis pieninica*, *Arabis saxeticola*, *Arabis undulata*, *Arabis undulata*, *Crucifera arabis*, *Erysimum wettsteinianum*]

ALPINE ROCK-CRESS is a mat-forming, creeping perennial. Native to Europe (including Britain although rare there now) Mediterranean and the Himalayas, it has tiny sweet-scented, white flowers.

It is also known as *Alpen-Gänsekresse* (German), *Fjälltrav* (Swedish), *Huseník* (Czech), Lady's cushion, Snowdrift, Snow-in-Summer, Snow-on-the-mountain, and *Tunturipitkäpalko* (Finnish).

This plant is extremely rare in Britain and is protected in the wild under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.

Alpina means 'alpine' ie. found above the tree line.

In 1887 alpine rock-cress was found growing on the Isle of Skye.