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*Cassiope tetragona*

[Synonyms : *Andromeda tetragona*]

**WHITE ARCTIC BELL-HEATHER** is a creeping evergreen shrub. Native to the Arctic (circumpolar) and Europe, it has scale-like, dark green leaves that overlap and cloth the stems and small occasionally pink-tinged, ivory-white flowers.

It is also known as Cassiope, Four-angled cassiope, *Kantlung* (Swedish), Moss plant, Mountain heather, White arctic mountain heather, and White heather.

*Tetragona* is derived from Greek *tetra-* (four) and *-gonia* (angle) components meaning ‘with four angles’.

Alaskan Inuits mixed the shrub with heathers and lichens to insulate their homes from the cold and in the Summer they burnt it as fuel. For the Inuktitut Inuits however it provided both tinder (it will burn even when green or frozen) and fuel.

White arctic bell-heather is cultivated as an ornamental plant.