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Silene acaulis

[Synonyms : *Cucubalus acaulis*, *Cucubalus muscosus*, *Lychnis acaulis*, *Oncerum acaule*, *Silene acaulis* subsp. *acaulis*, *Silene acaulis* subsp. *arctica*, *Silene acaulis* subsp. *longiscapa*, *Silene acaulis* subsp. *subacaulescens*, *Silene elongata*, *Silene exscapa*, *Silene longiscapa*]

MOSS CHAMPION is a mat-forming, evergreen perennial. Native to Arctic Eurasia, central Europe and north-western North America, it has small pink to violet (rarely white) flowers.

It is also known as *Aappaluttuaqqat* (Greenlandic), Catchfly, Cushion pink, Dwarf silene, *Fjällglim* (Swedish), *Fjellsmelle* (Norwegian), *Gazon rose* (French), *Gludlys Mwsogl* (Welsh), *Kalk-Posternelke* (German), *Polsterleimkraut* (German), *Silène acaule* (French), *Silene a cuscinetto* (Italian), *Silenka bezbyľová* (Slovak), *Silenka bezlodyžná* (Czech), *Stängelloses Leimkraut* (German), Stemless silene, *Stengelloses Leimkraut* (German), *Tue-limurt* (Danish), *Tunturikohokki* (Finnish), and *Wu jing ying zi cao* (Chinese); and in flower language is said to be a symbol of betrayed (white), snare, and youthful love (red).

It is protected in Northern Ireland under the Wildlife (Northern Ireland) Order 1985.

Acaulis means ‘stemless (or nearly so)’.

It is said that some Icelanders eat parts of the plant boiled with butter.

Children in the North American Gosiute Indian tribe were given moss champion to disperse wind.