



Survey of *Dryas octopetala* - dominated plant communities in the European and North-West-Siberian Arctic

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ABSTRACT

18 associations of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities, which belong to 3 classes and 4 alliances, were observed in the European Arctic and in north-western Siberia. Syntaxonomical differentiation is linked with the ecogeographical and floristical division of the Arctic: alliance *Kobresio-Dryadion* of *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* has its main distribution in European arctic and typical tundra and in the oroarctic belt of mountains, whilst the area of alliance *Dryado octopetalae-Caricion arctisibiricae* lies in the southern and typical tundra and oroarctic belt on the north of Pechora Plain, in the Yugorskii Peninsula, Pay-Khoy Mts. and Polar Ural. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities lacking characteristic species of *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* have been related to the alliance *Cassiopo-Salicion herbaceae* (*Salicetea herbaceae*) and alliance *Loiseleurio-Diapension* (*Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta*). In the latter a suballiance *Salicinion nummulariae* has been proposed comprising xero-, achyonophytic communities on sandy and gravelly substrata in the southern and typical tundra of the north-east of European Russia. A synoptical table is provided.

Keywords: Braun-Blanquet, *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities, European Arctic, north-western Siberia, *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii*, *Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta*, *Salicetea herbaceae*

РЕЗЮМЕ

Сообщества с доминированием *Dryas octopetala* в европейском секторе Арктики и Субарктики и на севере Западной Сибири принадлежат к 18 ассоциациям в 3 классах и 4 союзах. Синтаксономический спектр дриадовых тундр находится в соответствии с геоботаническим и флористическим делением Арктики и Субарктики. Союз *Kobresio-Dryadion* (класс *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii*) включает сомкнутые и открытые ксеро-, мезофитные сообщества с преобладанием кустарничков и граминоидов, распространенные преимущественно в арктических и типичных тундрах европейской Арктики. Союз *Dryado octopetalae-Caricion arctisibiricae* в том же классе – дриадовые сообщества со значительным участием травянистых мезофитов, с основным ареалом на севере южных тундр и в типичных тундрах на севере Печорской равнины. Дриадовые тундры также описаны в рамках союзов *Cassiopo-Salicion herbaceae* (класс *Salicetea herbaceae*) и *Loiseleurio-Diapension* (класс *Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta*). В последнем предложен подсоюз *Salicinion nummulariae*, включающий сообщества малоснежных каменистых и песчаных местообитаний в южных и типичных тундрах на северо-востоке европейского сектора Арктики и на севере Западной Сибири. Приведена синоптическая таблица ассоциаций дриадовых тундр.

Ключевые слова: *Dryas octopetala*, *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii*, *Salicetea herbaceae*, *Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta*, дриадовые тундры, метод Браун-Бланке, европейский сектор Арктики, северо-западная Сибирь.

Nomenclature: Cherepanov (1997) for vascular plants, Ignatov et al. (2006) for mosses, Konstantinova & Bakalin (2009) for liverworts, Santesson et al. (2004) for lichens. New syntaxa were named according to the Code of phytosociological nomenclature (Weber et al. 2000). Authors of syntaxa are given in the first citation, in the characteristic and in the prodromus.

INTRODUCTION

Dwarf shrub heathlands and grasslands with abundant *Dryas octopetala* play an important role in the Arctic vegetation. They cover either extensive or rather small areas in various Arctic regions, considerably enriching the biodiversity of tundra. They include a number of rare and endangered species. The syntaxonomical position and relations of these plant communities become more complicated as

the number of newly described syntaxa increases. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities were described in several classes, but they are assigned mainly to the circumpolar Arctic-oroarctic class *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* Ohba 1974, which comprises dwarf shrub heath and grasslands in snow-free habitats with soil moisture regime ranging from dry to mesic, on calcium-rich, neutral or weakly acidic soils.

The concept of this class was developed by Ohba (1974), who studied Japanese dwarf shrubs- and grass-heath communities and subdivided the class into several regional orders. The order *Kobresio-Dryadetalia* (Br.-Bl. 1948) Ohba 1974 occurs in Scandinavia, Greenland, Svalbard, Arctic Canada, Alaska and Arctic Siberia. The order includes several alliances, and until now only one alliance, *Kobresio-Dryadion* Nordh. 1943, has been reported from Arctic and northern alpine Europe. This alliance occurs in the Scandinavian mountains, and comprehensively studied (Nordhagen 1927, 1936, 1955, Rønning 1965, Dahl 1987, Hadač 1989).

The concept of the class *Carici rupestris–Kobresietea bellardii* with the order *Kobresio–Dryadetalia* as the syntaxa comprising achionophytic and xeric dwarf shrub heath and grasslands was re-considered with description of the alliance *Dryadion integrifoliae* Ohba ex Daniëls 1982 that included *Dryas integrifolia*-dominated plant communities on mesic and wet soils in Northwest Greenland (Lünterbusch & Daniëls 2004). As the synecological characteristics (soil moisture regime) of the whole class and order became broader, this class is considered to include hygro-, meso- and xerophytic vegetation types on temporarily wet-moist, mesic and dry, non-acidic soils.

During the last two decades the *Dryas octopetala*-dominated vegetation of the Russian Arctic was thoroughly studied using the Braun-Blanquet approach. Plant communities of alliances *Oxytropidion nigrescentis* Ohba 1974 and *Androsacio arctisibiricae–Aconogonion laxmannii* Kucherov & Daniëls 2005 were described in central Chukotka (Kucherov & Daniëls 2005). *Dryas*-dominated plant communities of the Wrangel Island were related to alliances *Oxytropidion nigrescentis*, *Caricion nardinae*, *Dryadion integrifoliae* (Kholod 2007). In the north-west of Putorana Plateau and on the south-west of North-Siberian Lowland *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities were described as the association *Dryado octopetalae–Caricetum sabyensis* Telyatnikov 2011 in the class *Carici rupestris–Kobresietea*, the associations *Dryado octopetalae–Eriophoretum vaginati* Telyatnikov 2010 and *Racomitrio lanuginosi–Dryadetum octopetalae* Telyatnikov 2010 in the class *Loiseleurio–Vaccinieta* Egger 1952 em. Schubert 1960, and the association *Salici reticulatae–Caricetum parallelae* Telyatnikov 2011 in the class *Salicetea herbaceae* Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl. et Jenny 1926 (Telyatnikov 2010 a, b, 2011). Plant communities with high cover of *Dryas octopetala* ssp. *incisa* in the southern Arctic tundra of Yamal Peninsula were described as the association *Festuco ovinae–Dryadetum octopetalae* Telyatnikov & Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 in the alliance *Loiseleurio–Diapension* (Br.-Bl. et al. 1939) Daniëls 1982 (Telyatnikov & Pristiyazhnyuk 2012). *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities of Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands were investigated by Lavrinenko et al. (2014). Vegetation with a dominance of *Dryas octopetala* and *Cassiope teragona* on Svalbard and north of Fennoscandia was compared by Koroleva et al. (2008) and Koroleva (2011).

A new alliance *Dryado octopetalae–Caricion arctisibiricae* (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2010) ex Koroleva in Chytrý et al. 2015, with three associations: *Pediculari oederi–Dryadetum octopetalae* (Andreev 1932) Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015, *Salici reticulatae–Dryadetum octopetalae* Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015 and *Dryado octopetalae–Caricetum arctisibiricae* (Koroleva et

Kulyugina) Koroleva in Chytrý et al. 2015, has been described. This syntaxonomical system was based on a contribution of original relevés and compiled data (Andreev 1932, Dedov 2006) from Murmansk Region (Rybachyi Peninsula, Pechenga area, Khibiny Mts.), of Nenets District and Komi Republic (Pechora Plain, Yugorskii Peninsula and of foothills of Pay-Khoy Mountains), Yamal-Nenets District (western slopes of Polar Ural), and from Malozemel'skaja and Bolshezemel'skaja tundra in the east of European southern tundra.

Patterns of tundra vegetation cover over a broad geographical range from Fennoscandia to the northwestern Taimyr was studied by Virtanen et al. (1999), with special accent on the topographic sequence of plant communities. However, no large-scale gradient was described for any *Dryas octopetala*-dominated community. The objective of this study was a comparison of the *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities along the latitudinal and longitudinal gradients in the European sector of the Arctic and western Siberia, summarizing available data from Svalbard, Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands, Scandinavian Mountains, Kola Peninsula, north of Pechora Plain, Yugorskii Peninsula, Yamal Peninsula, the western and eastern foothills of the Polar Urals and the northwestern part of Plateau of Putorana.

MATERIALS AND METHODS

Original data were collected during the fieldwork in Svalbard and the Kola Peninsula). Additional materials were obtained from the earlier published literary sources containing syntaxonomical data, most of which were taken in accordance with the standard procedure of Braun-Blanquet approach (Westhoff & van der Maarel 1973) using the 7-grade Braun-Blanquet cover-abundance scale. In this study, for unification the data from the literary sources we combined the Braun-Blanquet's grades 2a and 2b, used by some authors, to the grade 2. Moreover some materials collected with the use of other methodology (analyses of coenofloras (species compositions) of vegetation formations, Telyatnikov 2003) were also included in this study. The data used came from the study sites widely distributed in the Arctic zone of European part of Russia (Fig. 1) and from the published papers. The size of relevés used for description of *Dryas*-dominated vegetation varied from 1 to 100 m². Below, some specific features of geography and sampling methodology in different study sites are listed.

1. Svalbard: Pyramiden and Barentsburg surroundings, Kongsfjorden, Bockfjorden, Liefdefjorden and Woodfjorden, 78°04' N, 14°13' E, in elevation range from 2 to 130 m a.s.l., (Rønning 1965, Hadač 1989, Möller 2000, Koroleva et al. 2008). Sizes of relevés are 1 (Rønning 1965), 4, 5, 6 (Hadač 1989), 1, 4, 10 (Möller 2000) and 4 m² (Koroleva et al. 2008).
2. Fennoscandia, Norwegian coast: Reinøya Island, Porsanger fjord, 69°53' N, 19°34' E (Nordhagen 1955). Size of relevés is 4 m².
3. Fennoscandia, Scandinavian Mts.: Skaitiaksla, Tausa, Solvågind, Mace, Mikafjell, Finskefjell, 66°48' N, 15°42' E and 66°50' N, 15°48' E, in elevation range from 370 to 1050 m a.s.l. (Nordhagen 1955). Size of relevés 4 m².
4. Fennoscandia, Rybachyi (Fisher) Peninsula, Malaja Volokovaja (Pummanki) Bay, 69°34' N, 32°64' E and 69°55' N,

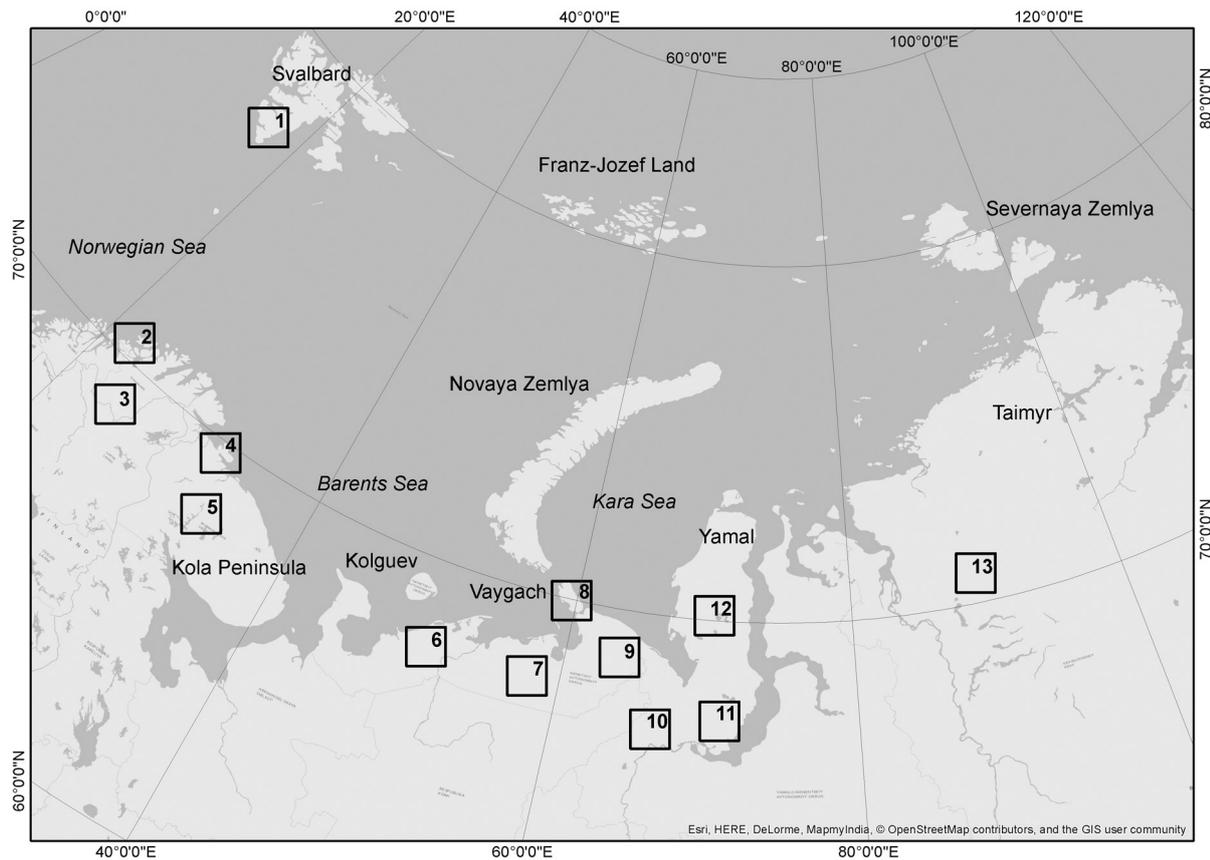


Figure 1 Locations of the study areas of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities. Numbers of areas as in the text and in the Table 1

31°58' E, in elevation range from 20 to 50 m a.s.l. (Kalliola 1939, Koroleva 2011). Size of relevés is 4 m².

5. Fennoscandia, Kola Peninsula, Khibiny Mts., Pechengskie Tundry Mts., 67°34'–67°53' N, 33°14'–34°12' E, in elevation range from 370 to 1100 m a.s.l. (Kalliola 1939, Koroleva 2011). Size of relevés is 4 m².

6. Western part of Pechora Plain, Malozemel'skaja Tundra, 68°18' N, 53°14' E and 68°13' N, 50°51' E, in elevation range from 40 to 100 m a.s.l. (Dedov 2006, Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press). Size of relevés is 25 m².

7. Pechora Plain, western part of Bol'shezemel'skaja Tundra, 67°58' N, 65°10' E, 68°12' N, 56°16' E and 68°24' N, 56°10' E (Andreev 1932, Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press). Size of relevés is 25 m².

8. Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands, 70°01' N, 59°33' E, in elevation range from 10 to 70 m a.s.l. (Lavrinenko et al. 2014). Size of relevés is 25 m².

9. Yugorskiy Peninsula, foothills of Pay-Khoy Mts., 69°03' N, 62°08' E and 69°01' N, 62°11' E, at elevation about 200 m a.s.l. (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press). Size of relevés is 25 m².

10. Western foothills of Polar Ural, 68°06' N, 65°48' E, between 350 and 540 m a.s.l. (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press). Size of relevés 25 m².

11. Eastern foothills of Polar Ural, 67°28' N, 67°25' E and 67°41' N, 67°58' E, at about 160 m a.s.l. (Telyatnikov & Pristyzhnyuk 2012). Size of relevés is 100 m².

12. Yamal Peninsula, 67°07' N, 68°12' E, 69°42' N, 68°41' E and 70°24' N, 68°14' E, at elevation 30 m a.s.l. (Telyatnikov 2003, Telyatnikov & Pristyzhnyuk 2012). Size of relevés 100 m².

13. North-western part of Putorana Plateau, 69°38' N, 90°34' E, at elevation about 700 m a.s.l. (Telyatnikov 2009, 2010a, 2011). Size of relevés is 100 m².

Among sites of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities there is a great variety of geographical conditions, namely in geology, relief, soils, climate and anthropogenic influence.

Geology and geomorphology

The geology of sites on Svalbard is very variable. In the inner fjord area, where communities of *Kobresio-Dryadion* were studied, Devonian limestones and Cretaceous sediments prevail in area of Pyramiden settlement, and Barentsburg surroundings belong to Cretaceous and Lower Carboniferous formation, with intrusions of smaller areas of Lower Tertiary sandstones. Devonian cover rocks prevail in area of the Woodfjorden in northern Spitsbergen (Aga 1986). Communities of *Kobresio-Dryadion* were described mainly on wind-exposed calcareous habitats of coastal terrains and lower mountain slopes, on primitive stony and gravelly soils.

Fennoscandia (including Kola Peninsula) is underlain by ancient Archean basement composed of siliceous rocks of the Baltic shield. In contrast, the most of northern Norway and part of northern Sweden belong to the Caledonian mountain range of Scandes, very sharply defined and rugged mountains with highest summits reaching 1000–1800 m a.s.l. Here, more eutrophic cambro-silurian rocks, mostly metamorphized shists, prevail. There are also outcrops

of granites, gneisses and gabbros on the coastal areas of Troms and Finnmark. The mountainous landforms were strongly modified by weathering and glaciation, and landforms of the coastal areas by wave abrasion and land uplift. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities occur on shallow stony and gravelly cryosolic soils along wind-exposed rock ledges in the oroarctic zone and on well-developed soils with humic horizons ([podbur] in Russian soil classification) on seashore terraces of Varanger and Rubachyi Peninsula (Pechnov 1977, Ramberg et al. 2008).

The nepheline intrusions occurring in the Khibiny Mts., at elevations 800–1000 m a.s.l., in the western Kola Peninsula, define some biogeochemical features of landscape, which led to the formation of coarse, acid and more or less distinctly podzolised soils. Soil profile is weakly stratified, and the thickness of the bleached soil horizon decreases northwards and upwards (Koroleva & Pereverzev 2007). Landscapes here were shaped by most recent Pleistocene glaciation and physical and chemical erosion and now are represented by flat top surfaces and plateaus, well-developed lateral and terminal moraines. Substrates containing calcium and magnesium carbonates, where communities of the alliance *Kobresio–Dryadion* occurs, are mainly developed in Scandinavian Mountains and are very rare or absent in the lowlands of Fennoscandia.

The Pechora Plain is partitioned by the Pechora River into the western (Malozemel'skaja Tundra) and eastern (Bol'shezemel'skaja Tundra) areas. The rocky basement is covered by Paleozoic and Mesozoic sediments, and by Quaternary morainic and Sea deposits. The northern part of the Pechora Plain represents undulating lowland, with numerous chain-like groups of 50–70 m high morainal ridges and hills (Russian local term – ‘мусюры’ [musyury]), and many lakes. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities rarely occur on ridges and slightly sloping hilltops, on fine-grained and clayey-loamy illuvial Al-Fe-humic soils (Russian term – ‘подбур’ [podbu:r]) and tundra gleyish soils (Ignatenko 1979) affected by cryoturbation. This and the following areas are situated within the continuous permafrost zone (Zoricheva 1963, Morgunova 1976).

Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands are composed of Ordovician and Permian rock complexes represented by clay shale, clay and sandy limestones, covered by 20 m thick, mosaic-like quaternary deposits. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities are widely distributed here in wind-swept habitats on marine terrains and bedrock outcrops, on carbonated loamy-gravelly soils affected by cryoactivity, which maintains polygons, steps and stripes (Lavrinenko et al 2014).

The Pay-Khoy Mountains extend from northwest to southeast of the Yugorskii Peninsula, and are composed of schists and sedimentary rocks (sandstones, marls and limestones). Foothills of Pay-Khoy Mountains represent an elevated undulating plain covered with Quaternary marine and glacial deposits. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities occur here on slightly peaty gleyish soils strongly affected by cryoturbation and solifluction (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press).

The western slopes of Polar Ural neighboring the Pay-Khoy Mountains consist of ultrabasic, basic, acidic and

carbonate rocks. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities were described on prominent parts of slopes, from 200 to 550 m a.s.l., on slightly peaty gleyeish soils strongly affected by cryoturbation. *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities of the eastern slopes of Polar Ural were studied in the orohemiarctic (subalpine) belt, at about 60 m a.s.l.

Yamal Peninsula forms an extensive continuous plain, where Paleozoic basement formations are overlaid by interstadial glacial Jurassic, Cretaceous and Quaternary sands and clays. These deposits are covered by Kara till and sandy silt, which is regarded as aeolian loess. Holocene formations as peat accumulation, aeolian and fluvial deposits are widely distributed, and communities with high abundance of *Dryas octopetala* have been described on sandy and clayey soils on prominent hilltops and upper parts of slopes of hills, with a prominent micro-relief resulting from strong cryoactivity (Astakhov et al. 1996, Forman et al. 1999).

The Putorana Plateau is situated at the northwestern edge of the Central Siberian Plateau and composed of Siberian trapps. The plateau is dissected by lakes and river valleys and has steep northwestern slopes, where *Dryas octopetala* communities were studied in the oroarctic (alpine) belt (Telyatnikov & Pristyazhnyuk 2012).

Climatic conditions

Dryas-dominated plant communities occur mainly in intrazonal habitats and are generally xeric and snow-free. These communities depend not only on prevailing regional climate, but mainly on microclimate of habitats. The data from meteorological stations (Table 1) present only some general information about climate along the large scale gradient, and no data available about the site microclimate.

Mild temperature and moisture regime of the western part of the area (west of Fennoscandia and Svalbard) is influenced by its proximity to the Gulf Stream, and continental features of climate become more pronounced to the east. The annual mean temperature decreases considerably from the west (northern Fennoscandia) to the east (northwest of Siberia), from the south (northern Fennoscandia and Pechora Plain) to the north (Svalbard and Vaygach) and from lowland (Rybachyi Peninsula, Porsanger Fjord) to mountains (Khibiny and Scandes). The precipitation, and, consequently, snow depth, decrease from northern Fennoscandia to Yamal, but in the mountains and on foothills of Polar Ural and Pay-Khoy precipitation is higher.

Geographical subdivision

The zonal nomenclature adopted in different northern countries differs remarkably. The scheme of zonal and regional subdivision of Arctic in the former USSR was outlined theoretically by Gorodkov (1935), Aleksandrova (1971), Chernov & Matveyeva (1979), and is based on the composition of prevailing growth forms and synusiae, structure and composition of plant communities on zonal sites – ‘plakors’ in sense of Vysotsky (1927) and Lavrenko (1947). Two vegetation zones, polar desert and tundra, are recognized at high latitudes in the northern hemisphere beyond the northern limit of forests, and we consider the Arctic to include both of them. The tundra zone is subdivided

Table 1. Mean annual temperature and precipitation on meteorological stations in areas of described *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities

N	Name of study area	Nearest meteorostation *	Coordinates	Elevation, m a.s.l.	Corresponding zone, according to Gorodkov 1935 / CAVM Team 2003	Annual mean t, °C	Mean annual precipitation, mm
1	Svalbard	Barentsburg	78°04' N, 14°15' E	73	Arctic tundra / subzone B, C	-6.1	525
2	Fennoscandia, Reinøya, Porsanger fjord	Brennelv	70°04' N, 24°58' E	7	Southern tundra, oroarctic belt	0.9	450
3	Fennoscandia, Scandinavian Mts	Saltfjellet	66°33' N, 15°19' E	676	Oroarctic belt	-1.6	670
4	Fennoscandia, Rybachyi Peninsula	Vaida-Guba	69°56' N, 31°59' E	8	Southern tundra / subzone E	1.7	506
5	Fennoscandia, Khibiny Mts.	Yukspor	68°10' N, 32°23' E	794	Oroarctic belt	-4	1340
6	Pechora Plain, Malozemel'skaja Tundra	Indiga	67°41' N, 48°41' E	3	Southern and Typical tundra / subzone E	-2,4	415
7	Pechora Plain, Bol'shezemel'skaja Tundra	Vorkuta	67°29' N, 64°01' E	165	Southern and Typical tundra / subzone E	-3.0	323
8	Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands	im. E.K. Fedorova	77°43' N, 104°18' E	12	Typical (Arctic) tundra / subzone C, D	-6.5	240
9	Jugorskii Peninsula (incl. Pay-Khoy Mts.)	Amderma	69°45' N, 61°42' E	53	Typical tundra, Oroarctic belt / subzone E, D	-7	420
10	west of Polar Ural	no name	--	--	Oroarctic belt / subzone E	-6 – -9	1000 – 1500
11	east of Polar Ural	no name	--	--	Oroarctic belt / subzone E		600 – 800
12	Yamal Peninsula	Marre-Sale	69°43' N, 66°48' E	24	Southern and Typical tundra / subzone E, D	-9.2	286
13	Putorana Plateau	Agata	69°53' N, 93°28' E	277	Oroarctic belt / subzone E, D	-11.4	410

* Data from nearest to the sampled areas meteorostation were taken: for Norwegian territory – from the database of the Norwegian Meteorological Institute <http://eklima.met.no>; for Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands, Yamal Peninsula, eastern slopes of Polar Ural and Putorana Plateau – from publications (Telyatnikov 2011, Telyatnikov & Prist'yazhnyuk 2012, Lavrinenko et al. 2014); for Kola Peninsula, Pechora Plain, Yugorsky Peninsula – from the database HydroMeteorological DataBase (HMDB) of Institute of Biology Komi Science Center RAS, <http://ib.komisk.ru/climat/index.php>

vided into three major subzones: southern tundra, typical (or northern) tundra and arctic tundra. The names and delimitation of mountain zones (belts) follows to Ahti et al. (1968).

Study areas in Svalbard lie in the arctic tundra. North of Fennoscandia (the coastal lowlands of Finnmark, the Rybachyi Peninsula and a narrow (to 80 km wide) zone along the Barents Sea in Kola Peninsula have been regarded as southern tundra. *Dryas*-dominated communities studied on the Pechora Plain are situated in the north of southern tundra and in the typical tundra zone. Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands are considered by some authors to be situated within the arctic tundra (Aleksandrova 1977), while others (Lavrinenko et al. 2014) distinguish there the typical tundra and the oroarctic belt. Studies on Yamal peninsula were carried out in the southern and typical tundra, and descriptions of *Dryas*-dominated communities on the Pay-Khoy as well as in Polar Ural and Putorana were made in the orohemiarctic (subalpine) and in the oroarctic (alpine) zone or belt.

Anthropogenic impact

Areas of distribution of *Dryas*-dominated plant communities (especially Rybachyi Peninsula, north of Pechora Plain, Yamal Peninsula) are influenced by intensive reindeer husbandry. Consumption and trampling by reindeers essentially influence the structure and composition of plant communities on sandy and gravelly substrates, when fruticose lichen cover of *Cladonia* spp. reduces and cover of *Stereocaulon* spp. increases. The *Dryas*-dominated plant communities in coastal areas in Norway are grazed by sheep. The

Khibiny Mountains (Kola Peninsula) and the Polar Ural are strongly affected by mining.

RESULTS

Dryas octopetala-dominated tundra communities of the European Arctic and in north-western Siberia were classified into 18 associations, which belong to 3 classes and 4 alliances (Table 2).

Prodromus of syntaxa of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities in European and West-Siberian Arctic

Class *Carici rupestris*–*Kobresietea bellardii* Ohba 1974

Order *Thymo arctici*–*Kobresietalia bellardii* Ohba 1974

Alliance *Kobresio-Dryadion* Nordh. 1943

Ass. *Caricetum nardinae* Nordh. 1935

Ass. *Dryado*–*Caricetum rupestris* (Rønning 1965) Hadač 1989

Ass. *Dryado*–*Cassiopeum tetragonae* (Fries 1913) Hadač (1946) 1989

Ass. *Vulpicido tilesii*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Ass. *Hedysaro arctici*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Subass. *Hedysaro arctici*–*Dryadetum octopetalae typicum* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Subass *Hedysaro arctici*–*Dryadetum octopetalae bistortetosum majoris* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Ass. *Saxifraga aizoidis*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Ass. *Arenario pseudofrigidae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Ass. *Salici arcticae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014

Ass. *Campanulo unifloro*–*Elymetum* (Nordh. 1928) Dierssen 1992

Ass. *Dryadetum octopetalae* (Nordh. 1928) 1955

Alliance *Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricion arctisibiricae* (Koroleva et Kulugina 2010) ex Koroleva in Chytrý et al. 2015

Ass. *Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricetum arctisibiricae* Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015

Ass. *Salici reticulatae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015

Ass. *Pediculari oederi*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* (Andreev 1932) Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015

Alliance ?

Ass. *Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricetum sabyensis* Telyatnikov 2011

Class *Salicetea herbaceae* Br.-Bl., Emb. & Mol. 1947

Order *Salicetalia herbaceae* Br.-Bl.ap. Br.-Bl. & Jenny 1928

Alliance *Cassiope-Salicion herbaceae* Nordh. 1936

Ass. *Salici polaris*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* (Rønning 1965) Koroleva 2011

Class *Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta* Eggler 1952 em. Schubert 1960

Order *Rhododendro-Vaccinietalia* Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl. et Jenny 1926

Alliance *Loiseleurio-Diapension* (Br.-Bl. et al. 1939) Daniëls 1982

Ass. *Racomitrio lanuginosi*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Telyatnikov 2010

Suballiance *Salicion nummulariae* suball. nov. prov.

Ass. *Stereocaulono paschalis*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015

Ass. *Festuco ovinae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 stat. nov.

Subass. *Festuco ovinae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae typicum* Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 stat. nov.

Subass. *Festuco ovinae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae saussuretosum alpinae* Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 stat. nov.

Characteristics of syntaxa

Class *Carici rupestris*–*Kobresietea bellardii* Ohba 1974

Order *Thymo arctici*–*Kobresietalia bellardii* Ohba 1974

Class and order include dwarf shrub heath and grasslands mainly in snow-free habitats on from dry to mesic, calcium-rich, neutral or weakly acidic substrates. Diagnostic taxa (DT) over most of the area studied are *Dryas octopetala*, *Cassiope tetragona*, *Silene acaulis*, *Salix reticulata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Oxytropis sordida*, *Astragalus subpolaris*, *Hedysarum arcticum*, *Rhytidium rugosum*.

Alliance ***Kobresio*–*Dryadion*** Nordh. 1943 (synonyms, hereafter syn., *Elymion bellardii* Nordh. 1936, *Caricion nardinae* Nordh. 1935, *Kobresion myosuroidis* Nordh. 1943).

This alliance comprises achionophytic and xerophytic dwarf shrub heath and grasslands on weakly acidic, neutral or calcium-rich soils. The alliance is distributed in European arctic tundra (oroarctic belt) (Dierssen 1992). DT in area studied are the same as of the order and class with an addition of *Kobresia myosuroides*, *Carex rupestris*, *C. glacialis*, *C. fuliginosa* (syn. *C. misandra*), *C. hepburnii* (syn. *C. nardina*), *Pedicularis dasyantha*. Mosses *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Distichium capillaceum*, *Hypnum bambergeri*, *Tortula ruralis* are common on calcareous rocky and gravelly substrates slightly covered by peaty and humic layer. *Saxifraga oppositifolia* and *Bistorta vivipara*, which were considered to be characteristic for both order and class (Lavrinenko et al. 2014), have broad distribution and ecological amplitude. *Saxifraga oppositifolia* is characteristic species of *Arenarion norvegicae* Nordh. 1935 (Dierssen 1992), and *Bistorta vivipara* is one of the most active species in arctic plant communities (Koroleva et al. 2008). They can scarcely be regarded as characteristic species for the *Kobresio*–*Dryadion*.

Ass. ***Caricetum nardinae*** Nordh. 1935 (Rønning 1965, p. 19, this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 1 and 12). Syn. *Nardino*–*Dryadetum* (Rønning 1965).

Plant cover is open and represented by scattered isolated tussocks of sedges and cushions of dwarf shrubs. DT are *Dryas octopetala* and *Carex hepburnii*. *Salix polaris* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia* are among most constant vascular species. The *Caricetum nardinae* in Scandinavian Mountains differs by constant presence of DT of the class: *Salix reticulata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Astragalus subpolaris*. Mosses *Oncophorus wahlenbergii* and *Hypnum bambergeri* are most frequent in communities on Svalbard, among lichens *Ochrolechia frigida* is of greater importance.

The association occurs on very exposed gravelly habitats, with little or no snow cover in winter, and has a rather limited distribution in Svalbard, it is very rare in mountains in Norway and northern Sweden (Hadač 1989, Nordhagen 1955).

Ass. ***Dryado*–*Caricetum rupestris*** (Rønning 1965) Hadač 1989 (Koroleva 2011, pp. 25–27; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 2). Syn. *Rupestri*–*Dryadetum* Rønning 1965.

DT are *Dryas octopetala*, *Carex rupestris*, *C. fuliginosa*. Among the most prominent and constant vascular species are *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Silene acaulis*, *Poa alpina*. *Ditrichum flexicaule* is constant among the mosses.

Communities of this association occur in exposed and wind-swept localities with thin snow cover, and are widely distributed in Svalbard but rather rare in Scandinavian mountains.

Ass. ***Dryado*–*Cassiopeum tetragonae*** (Fries 1913) Hadač (1946) 1989 (Rønning, 1965, pp. 28–31; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 4).

Plant communities are well differentiated by the dominance of *Cassiope tetragona* and *Carex fuliginosa* (DT), with constant species *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix polaris* and *Oxyria digyna*, and numerous more or less meso-, hygrophytic mosses,

Table 2. Synoptic table of syntaxa of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities. Species with constancy I and II occurring in one or two syntaxa omitted

Explanation of abbreviations: nd – no data; **Cn(Sv)** – *Carex tetraquetra*–*Dryadum*, Svalbard (Rønning 1955); **CrD** – *Carex rupestris*–*Dryadum*, Svalbard, Pyramiden, this paper; **SpD** – *Salix polaris*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Svalbard (Koroleva et al. 2008); **DCass** – *Dryado-Cassiopeum tetragonae*, Svalbard (Möller 2003); **SaD** – *Salix arctica*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **ApD** – *Arenario psuedofrigidae*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **VtD** – *Vilva tiliacea*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **HaDtyp** – *Hedysarum arcticum*–*Dryadum octopetala* subsp. *typicum*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **HaDbi** – *Hedysarum arcticum*–*Dryadum octopetala* subsp. *typicum*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **Cn(Sc)** – *Carex tetraquetra*–*Dryadum octopetala* subsp. *typicum*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **SaxD** – *Saxifraga aizoides*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Vaygach, Dolgyi (Lavrinenko et al. 2014); **CE** – *Campylopus uniflorus*–*Elymetum*, Scandinavian Mts. (Nordhagen 1955); **D(K)** – *Dryadum octopetala*, Rybachy (Fisher) Peninsula, Pechengskiy tundry (Kallio 1939, Koroleva & Mts. (Nordhagen 1955); **D(Sc)** – *Dryadum octopetala*, Pechora Plain (Koroleva 2015, in press); **Pod** – *Pedicularis oederi*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Pechora Plain (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press); **RD(K)** – *Racomitrium lanuginosum*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Pechora Plain (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press); **RD(Sc)** – *Racomitrium lanuginosum*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Pechora Plain (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in press); **HerbD** – Herbs-*Dryas octopetala*-association of *Dryas octopetala*-formation, Yamal (Telyatnikov 2003); **FDtyp** – *Festuca ovinae*–*Dryadum octopetala* *typicum*, Yamal, Polar Ural (Telyatnikov & Pristayzhnyuk 2012); **FDsauss** – *Festuca ovinae*–*Dryadum octopetala* *saussuretosum alpinum*, Yamal, Polar Ural (Telyatnikov & Pristayzhnyuk 2012); **RD(P)** – *Racomitrium lanuginosum*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Putorana Plateau (Telyatnikov 2010); **DCar** – *Dryado octopetala*–*Carex tetraquetra*–*Dryadum octopetala*, Putorana Plateau (Telyatnikov 2011)

Distribution of syntaxa ass., subsp., formation	Svalbard			Vaygach, Dolgyi, Yugorskii Peninsula			Fennoscandia (incl. Kola)					Pechora Plain, Yugorskii P.				Yamal, Polar Ural				Putorana					
	Cn(Sv)	CrD	SpD	DCass	SaD	ApD	VtD	HaDtyp	HaDbi	SaxD	CE	Cn(Sc)	D(Sc)	D(K)	RD(K)	DCa	SrD	Pod	StcD	LPdsh	HerbD	FDtyp	FDsauss	RD(P)	DCar
number of relevés	20	6	7	27	10	8	16	19	10	9	10	10	17	5	9	11	7	12	13	nd	nd	8	10	15	10
average species number	14	32	20	19	25	28	41	43	54	36	25	22	35	31	18	47	28	48	43	nd	nd	nd	nd	31	39
vegetation type number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea bellardii* and *Kobresio*–*Dryadetalia*

<i>Dryas octopetala</i> *	V ¹⁻⁵	V ¹⁻³	V ²⁻⁵	V ²⁻⁴	V ²⁻³	V ²	V ²⁻³	V ²⁻³	V ²⁻³	V ²⁻³	V ²⁻³	V ²⁻³	V ⁴⁻⁵	V ¹⁻⁵	V ¹⁻³	V ¹⁻²	V ²⁻⁵	V ³⁻⁵	V ²⁻⁴	V ²	V ²	IV ²	IV ²	V ³	V ¹⁻⁵
<i>Cassiope tetragona</i> *	I ¹	III ⁺¹	I ⁺³	V ³⁻⁵	-	-	V ⁺²	V ²⁻⁴	V ²⁻⁴	-	-	I ¹	-	III ⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	II ¹	-	-	-	IV ⁴	II ¹⁻²
<i>Silene acaulis</i> *	II ¹	III ⁺¹	II ⁺¹	II ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺²	IV ¹	V ¹⁻³	IV ¹	III ⁺²	-	-	IV ¹⁻³	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tomentypnum nitens</i>	III ¹	IV ⁺¹	II ¹	IV ¹⁻³	I ⁺	-	III ⁺¹	II ⁺	IV ⁺²	V ⁺²	-	-	II ¹	I ¹	IV ⁺³	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea* and *Kobresio*–*Dryadion* in Svalbard, Fennoscandia, Vaygach and Dolgyi

<i>Carex rupestris</i> *	III ¹⁻³	V ⁺⁴	-	V ²⁻³	-	-	V ⁺²	V ¹⁻²	III ⁺¹	II ⁺	III ¹⁻²	V ¹⁻³	V ¹⁻³	V ¹⁻³	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Ditrichum flexicaule</i> *	-	IV ⁺¹	I ⁺	IV ⁺³	III ⁺²	V ⁺	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	II ⁺	III ¹⁻²	I ¹	III ¹⁻²	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Saxifraga oppositifolia</i>	IV ¹⁻²	V ⁺¹	II ⁺³	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	V ⁺	IV ¹⁻²	V ¹⁻³	V ¹⁻³	-	I ⁺	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Diagnostic species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea* in Fennoscandia, Vaygach and Dolgyi, East-European tundra, Yamal and Putorana

<i>Salix reticulata</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	V ⁺²	-	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺¹	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	IV ¹⁻⁴	III ¹	V ¹⁻³	I ⁺	V ⁺³	V ²⁻³	V ⁴⁻⁵	II ⁺²	-	-	-	-	I ¹	I ⁺	IV ¹⁻³
<i>Thalictrum alpinum</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	I ⁺	-	III ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	III ¹⁻²	V ¹⁻²	III ⁺²	II ⁺	-	III ¹⁻⁴	-	-	-	-	-	I ²	I ⁺	V ⁺¹
<i>Pedicularis oederi</i>	-	-	-	-	V ⁻¹	I ⁺	IV ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	II ⁺	-	-	-	III ¹⁻⁴	-	V ²⁻⁴	II ¹⁻²	-	-	-	II ¹	I ⁺	-	III ⁺¹
<i>Hedysarum arcticum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	V ⁻¹	IV ⁺¹	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺¹	I ²	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ¹	I ⁺	-	IV ⁺¹

Diagnostic species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea* in Vaygach and Dolgyi, Fennoscandia, East-European tundra and Yamal

<i>Rhynchospora rigosum</i>	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁻⁴	IV ⁻¹	III ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ¹⁻⁴	I ¹	III ¹⁻³	I ¹	-	I ⁺	II ¹⁻⁵	I ⁺	I ¹	I ¹	I ¹	-	IV ¹	I ²	-
<i>Oxytropis sorbida</i>	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁻⁴	IV ⁻¹	III ⁺¹	III ⁺¹	II ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	IV ⁺¹	I ²	IV ⁺¹	-	II ¹⁻⁴	III ¹⁻³	V ²⁻³	III ⁺³	III ⁺³	III ²	II ¹	-	-	-

Diagnostic species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea* in Fennoscandia, East-European tundra and Yamal

<i>Astragalus subpolaris</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V ¹⁻³	III ¹⁻²	III ¹	-	V ¹⁻²	II ²⁻³	II ⁺¹	-	-	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Carex capillaris</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁻²	IV ⁺¹	I ¹	-	I ²	-	I ¹	-	-	-	III ¹	-
<i>Saussurea alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	IV ¹⁻²	I ¹	-	III ⁺²	III ²⁻³	II ⁺²	-	-	II ¹	V ¹	-

Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of *Carex rupestris*–*Kobresietea* and *Kobresio*–*Dryadion* on Svalbard, Vaygach and Dolgyi

<i>Pedicularis dasycantha</i> *	I ¹	II ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺¹	-	-	III ⁺¹	III ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hippun hambergeri</i> *	IV ¹⁻²	I ⁺	-	IV ¹⁻³	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Tortula ruralis</i> *	III ¹	II ⁺	I ⁺	-	I ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	III ⁻¹	I ⁺¹	-	III ⁻¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
<i>Distichum capillareum</i> *	I ¹	IV ⁺¹	-	III ⁺²	I ⁺	-	II ⁺	II ⁺	IV ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Table 2. Continued

vegetation type number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25		
<i>Carex fuliginosa</i> *	I ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	IV ⁺	-	-	V ⁺	V ⁺	IV ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Campylopus stellatum</i>	-	-	-	II ⁺	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Carex hepaticifolia</i> *	V ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	V ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of <i>Carex rupestris</i>-<i>Kobresietea</i> and <i>Kobresio-Dryadion</i> in Fennoscandia																											
<i>Kobresia myosuroides</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	III ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Chamorchis alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Rhododendron lapponicum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	IV ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Harrimanella hypnoides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Carex atrata</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Hypnum humulosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Diagnostic species of <i>Arenarion norvegici</i>																											
<i>Arenaria pseudofrigida</i>	-	I ⁺	-	-	II ⁺	V ⁺	IV ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Braya purpurascens</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	IV ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	-	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Rhodiola rosea</i>	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of <i>Carex rupestris</i>-<i>Kobresietea</i> and <i>Kobresio-Dryadion</i> on Vaygach and Dolgyi																											
<i>Tortella tortuosa</i>	-	III ⁺	-	I ⁺	-	II ⁺	III ⁺	V ⁺	-	II ⁺	-	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Lecanora epilobion</i>	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	V ⁺	V ⁺	V ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Salix arctica</i>	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Androsace arcticobetula</i>	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	IV ⁺	V ⁺	V ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Cladonia pocillum</i> *	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Megaspora verrucosa</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	V ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Pertusaria oculata</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	IV ⁺	V ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	IV ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Solorina spongiosa</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Clenidium procerum</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Ochrolechia androgyna</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Physconia muscigena</i>	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	-	I ⁺	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Alboetaria madrepoliformis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Caloplaca cerina</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Rinodina rosida</i>	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	-	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Ochrolechia upsaliensis</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	-	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Vulpicida tilosii</i> *	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	II ⁺	III ⁺	II ⁺	-	III ⁺	-	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Bryum wrighii</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	IV ⁺	II ⁺	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Draba polifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	II ⁺	I ⁺	V ⁺	III ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Pedicularis amoena</i>	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Pertusaria papyrga</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	IV ⁺	II ⁺	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Rinodina tarjacea</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Saxifraga aizoides</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	I ⁺	IV ⁺	V ⁺	I ⁺	-	IV ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Blimbia bobulata</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Lloydia serotina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	V ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺		
Constant species of <i>Dryas octopetala</i>-dominated communities on Yamal, East-European tundra and Putorana																											
<i>Leucis minor</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Valeriana capitata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Myosotis asiatica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Poa arctica</i>	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Polytrichum strictum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Stellaria pedicularis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Poa alpigena</i>	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
<i>Calamagrostis holmii</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

Table 2. Continued

vegetation type number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
Constant species of <i>Dryas octopetala</i>-dominated communities on Yamal																									
<i>Cetraria odontella</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ¹⁻²	II ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	I ¹	II ²	IV ¹	-	-
<i>Campanula rotundifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	IV ¹	II ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-
<i>Mimularia arctica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	I ¹	II ¹	III ¹	-	-
<i>Armeria maritima</i> (incl. <i>A. labradorica</i>)	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²	III ¹⁺²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	I ¹	II ¹	-	-	-
<i>Draba hirta</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	I ²	II ¹	IV ¹	-	I ^{1,2}
<i>Empetrum subholarcticum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	III ¹	III ¹	-	-
<i>Pertusaria coriacea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ¹	I ²	-
<i>Cetraria laevigata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-
<i>Lepidium pezizoides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-
<i>Larix sibirica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	IV ¹	-	-
<i>Asabineia chrysantha</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	IV ¹	-	-
<i>Parmelia onophalodes</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of <i>Careix arctisibirica</i>-<i>Dryadion octopetala</i> in the East-European tundra																									
<i>Carex arctisibirica</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ^{e-1}	I ^{e+}	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺⁵	III ²⁻⁴	IV ¹⁻⁵	V ⁺⁴	-	-	II ¹	V ¹	II ¹	I ^{1,2}
<i>Petasites frigidus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺	III ¹⁻³	III ¹⁻⁴	I ³	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Deschampsia glauca</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ^e	-	-	V ⁺⁶	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	II ^{1,2}	II ^{2,3}	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-
<i>Anulacommium palustre</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁺	II ^{3,4}	III ^{3,5}	I ^{1,3}	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Eriatricium villosum</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁺²	II ¹⁻³	III ¹⁻³	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Pyrola grandiflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ^e	-	-	-	-	-	V ⁺¹	I ⁺	III ¹⁻³	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Saxifraga hirculus</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁵⁺	III ⁺	IV ¹⁻³	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Ranunculus monophyllus</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁺²	III ^{1,2}	III ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Polytrichum hyperboreum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁺²	II ²⁻⁴	II ²⁻⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cerastium jensejense</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ¹⁻¹	III ¹⁻³	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Veratrum lobelianum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁻²	III ¹⁻²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Eriophorum vaginatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ²⁻⁴	III ²⁻⁴	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Draba sibirica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ¹	V ¹⁻³	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tephrosia integrifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ¹⁻³	I ²	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
Diagnostic (marked by *) and constant species of <i>Solidagini-Betuletum nanae</i>																									
<i>Festuca altatica</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pachypleurum alpinum</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Petasites sibiricus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Saxifraga nelsoniana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex melanocarpa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex sabyrensis</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Andromeda polifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Claytonia joanneana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Saussurea parryiflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Viola uniflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sanguisorba officinalis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Antennaria villosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Potentilla gelada</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex lasiocarpa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cerastium regelii</i> (incl. <i>C. f. ssp. caespitosum</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Althum schoenoprasium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Salix saxatilis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Abies fruticosa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Geranium albidiflorum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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<i>Chamaenerion latifolium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	II ⁺¹	
<i>Trollius asiaticus</i> *	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺¹	
Diagnostic species of <i>Loiseleurio-Diapension</i>																										
<i>Filaoctetaria nivalis</i>	III ¹	II ⁺	I ⁺¹	-	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	V ¹⁻³	IV ^{1,2}	V ²⁻⁴	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺³	III ⁺	V ⁺²	III ¹⁻³	V ⁺⁴	III ¹	III ¹	V ¹	II ¹	-	-	-
<i>Thymnolia verticillaris</i>	I ¹	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	III ¹	V ¹	III ¹	-	I ⁺	V ⁺¹	II ⁺	IV ^{2,3}	III ¹⁻¹	III ¹	V ¹	V ¹	IV ²	-	-	-
<i>Racomitrium lanuginosum</i>	I ¹	-	IV ⁺⁴	I ¹	-	II ⁺	III ⁺²	III ⁺²	II ⁺	-	-	I ¹	III ^{3,4}	III ^{1,2}	III ¹⁻³	I ¹	I ¹	I ^{2,3}	V ⁺⁴	I ¹	-	-	III ²	I ²	-	-
<i>Filaoctetaria cucullata</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	II ⁺	IV ⁺	V ⁺	II ⁺	-	IV ¹	-	I ¹	III ^{1,2}	-	V ⁺²	III ⁺⁴	III ¹⁻⁴	V ⁺⁴	III ¹	-	V ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Ptilidium ciliare</i>	-	-	IV ⁺¹	I ³	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺¹	-	-	-	I ¹	III ^{1,2}	-	I ⁺	III ⁺⁴	III ^{2,3}	III ¹⁻⁴	-	-	IV ¹	III ¹	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Odroblechia frigida</i>	IV ¹	III ⁺¹	III ⁺¹	-	IV ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺²	III ⁺¹	-	V ²⁻⁴	V ¹⁻⁴	V ¹⁻⁴	II ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ¹⁻⁴	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Alectoria nigricans</i>	-	II ⁺	-	-	I ⁺¹	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	I ⁺	-	I ^{1,2}	II ¹	III ^{1,3}	III ^{1,2}	III ^{1,2}	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺³	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Arctous alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	I ⁺	-	I ^{1,2}	II ¹	III ^{1,2}	IV ⁺¹	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺³	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Bryocaulon divergens</i>	I ¹	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	-	II ¹⁻²	III ¹	II ^{1,2}	IV ⁺¹	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺³	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Sphaerophorus globosus</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	-	II ¹⁻²	III ¹	II ^{1,2}	IV ⁺¹	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺³	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Alectoria ochroleuca</i>	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	IV ⁺⁴	-	III ¹⁻²	III ¹	II ^{1,2}	IV ⁺¹	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ⁺³	-	-	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Juncus trifidus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ^{2,3}	IV ¹⁻⁵	II ¹⁻⁵	III ⁺¹	III ⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gymnomitris corallicoides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Diapensia lapponica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Loiseleuria procumbens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ⁺²	IV ⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diagnostic species of <i>Salicetion nummulariae</i>																										
<i>Salix nummularia</i>	-	-	-	-	V ⁺²	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺²	-	IV ¹⁻⁴	IV ⁺²	V ¹	V ²	IV ³	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-
<i>Hieracium alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ^{1,3}	III ⁺³	V ¹	III ¹	IV ¹	IV ¹	-	-	
<i>Tanacetum bipinnatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ^{1,3}	-	I ¹	V ¹	III ¹	-	-	-	
<i>Daucylina arctica</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	III ⁺⁴	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	I ¹	IV ⁺³	I ¹	I ¹	II ¹	IV ¹	I ⁺	-	
Diagnostic species of <i>Phyllocladoc-Vaccinion myrtilli</i>																										
<i>Vaccinium uliginosum</i> (incl. <i>V. u. ssp. macrophyllum</i>)	I ¹	I ¹	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺³	-	-	I ⁺	V ⁺²	IV ⁺²	-	III ¹⁻³	II ¹	V ¹⁻³	II ^{1,2}	III ^{1,2}	I ⁺¹	III ^{1,2}	V ^{2,3}	IV ⁺⁴	I ¹	III ¹	IV ³	V ²	IV ³	III ^{1,2}	
<i>Hylocomium splendens</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	IV ^{1,5}	II ¹	-	V ²⁻⁴	V ⁺⁵	V ^{1,5}	IV ⁺³	III ¹	I ¹	IV ¹	V ³	-	II ²⁻⁴	
<i>Betula nana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ⁺¹	-	-	-	I ^{1,2}	II ¹	II ⁺	-	II ⁺	I ^{2,3}	III ⁺³	III ¹	II ¹	III ¹	V ²	II ²	III ^{1,2}	
<i>Nephroma arcticum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	-	III ⁺¹	-	I ⁺	II ^{2,3}	II ⁺³	-	-	-	-	I ³	-	
<i>Phyllocladoc caerulea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Vaccinium myrtilles</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other species																										
<i>Cetraria islandica</i>	III ¹	III ⁺¹	II ⁺²	II ⁺¹	II ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	III ⁺¹	V ⁺²	IV ⁺²	-	I ¹	V ¹	II ¹	V ²⁻⁴	V ⁺	IV ⁺¹	IV ^{2,3}	V ⁺⁴	I ¹	III ¹	IV ³	III ¹	V ³	V ^{2,3}	
<i>Bistoria vibipara</i>	III ^{1,2}	III ⁺	V ⁺²	IV ⁺²	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺⁴	V ⁺⁴	V ⁺¹	V ⁺¹	IV ⁺²	IV ^{1,2}	III ¹	V ¹⁻³	V ⁺³	II ⁺	V ⁺²	V ⁺³	V ¹⁻⁵	IV ⁺⁴	II ¹	II ¹	III ¹	IV ¹	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺
<i>Santonia uncinata</i>	I ¹	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺¹	II ⁺²	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	IV ⁺¹	IV ⁺¹	II ⁺²	-	I ¹	I ¹	IV ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ¹	I ¹	-	-	I ³	I ³	
<i>Cetraria delisei</i>	I ⁺	II ⁺¹	I ⁺	II ⁺²	I ⁺	II ⁺	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺²	V ⁺²	V ⁺¹	-	II ^{1,2}	I ¹	I ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	III ²	I ^{1,2}	
<i>Salix polaris</i>	III ¹⁻³	V ¹⁻³	V ⁺⁴	IV ^{1,2}	-	II ⁺	IV ⁻¹	I ⁺	IV ⁺²	IV ⁺²	-	II ¹	II ¹	-	I ⁺	V ⁺²	IV ⁺³	-	IV ¹⁻⁵	-	-	-	-	III ²	I ^{1,2}	
<i>Aulacomnium turgidum</i>	II ¹	-	III ¹⁻³	I ⁺¹	-	II ⁺	II ⁻²	II ⁻²	I ⁺	II ⁺⁴	-	IV ¹⁻³	IV ^{1,2}	V ⁺²	II ⁺¹	V ⁺²	II ²	II ²⁻⁵	V ⁺⁴	II ¹	V ²	IV ¹	-	-	I ⁺	
<i>Festuca ovina</i> (incl. <i>F. ovina</i> ssp. <i>vibipara</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Empetrum hermaphroditum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Vaccinium vitis-idaea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladonia rangiferina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladonia coccifera</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladonia arbuscula</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladonia amuroreana</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gladonia gracilis</i> (incl. <i>C. g. ssp. elongata</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tofeldtia bostilla</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Equisetum arvense</i> (incl. <i>E. a. ssp. boreale</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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vegetation type number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Larula confusa</i>	II ¹⁺²	II ¹	III ¹⁺²	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ¹	-	I ^{1,2}	I ¹	-	II ¹⁺¹	II ¹	III ^{1,3}	IV ^{1,3}	III ¹	III ¹	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	I ⁺
<i>Pedicularis apthibosa</i>	-	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	I ¹	-	I ^{1,2}	I ¹	-	V ¹⁺¹	-	III ^{1,3}	II ¹⁻¹	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺
<i>Stereocaulon alpinum</i>	-	II ⁺	V ¹⁺¹	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	II ¹⁺¹	-	-	I ¹	-	-	V ¹⁺¹	-	III ^{1,3}	III ¹⁺¹	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺
<i>Pedicularis hirsuta</i>	I ¹	-	III ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ¹	I ¹	I ¹	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺
<i>Larula nivialis</i>	I ¹	-	II ⁺	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	II ¹⁺¹	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ^{1,2}	I ^{1,2}	I ¹	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺
<i>Juncus biglomis</i>	-	-	II ⁺	I ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁺²	I ^{1,2}	I ¹⁺¹	-	-	I ²	-	-
<i>Dicranum elongatum</i>	-	-	II ⁺	I ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ^{1,4}	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ^{1,2}	I ¹	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	III ¹⁺¹
<i>Oxyria digyna</i>	-	II ⁺	II ⁺	I ²	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	II ¹	II ¹
<i>Polytrichastrum alpinum</i>	-	III ⁺	II ⁺	II ^{1,1}	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	-	VI ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ¹	III ¹⁺²
<i>Cladonia pyxidata</i>	II ¹	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	II ¹	-	I ¹	-	-	-	-	II ²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Salix lanata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ¹⁺¹	I ¹⁻¹	II ¹	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	II ²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Cladonia uncialis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ¹⁺¹	I ¹⁻¹	II ¹	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	II ²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Equisetum scirpoides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ¹⁺¹	I ¹⁻¹	II ¹	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	II ²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Pedicularis lapponica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	IV ¹⁺¹	I ¹⁻¹	II ¹	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	II ²	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Festuca rubra</i>	-	-	I ¹⁺¹	-	-	-	-	-	IV ¹⁻¹	I ⁺	-	-	I ¹	-	-	-	-	II ^{2,4}	I ¹	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ¹⁺²
<i>Bistorta major</i>	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	II ¹⁺¹	IV ¹⁺¹	IV ¹⁺¹	I ¹⁻³	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{2,4}	I ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	III ⁺	IV ¹⁺²
<i>Trisetum spicatum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	V ¹⁻¹	IV ⁺	-	-	-	IV ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pinguicula alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Larula frigida</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Viola biflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia stellaris</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia macroverus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex parviflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stereocaulon paschale</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bartsia alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Salix glauca</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Salix hastata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Polytrichum juniperinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{2,3}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Poa alpina</i>	I ¹	III ¹⁺¹	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Salix</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	II ^{1,3}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Parnassia palustris</i>	-	III ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	IV ¹	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cerastium alpinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hypoxis selago</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Selaginella selaginoides</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Nephruma espididum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Toffeldia coccinea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pertusaria papyrga</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Psoroma hypnorum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Rinodina turfacea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia bellidiflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pedicularis</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lobaria linita</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Dicranum spadicum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Arctagrostis latifolia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ranunculus propinquus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Dicranum majus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pedicularis leucophlebia</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia chlorophaea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ledum palustre</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
(incl. <i>L. p.</i> ssp. <i>decumbens</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Pedicularis reflexens</i>	-	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stellaria</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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vegetation type number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25
<i>Bryoria nitidula</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Solorina crocea</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hypogymnia physodes</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex laschenaultii</i>	-	-	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-
<i>Gastrolobis angustiflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Minuartia biflora</i>	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Saxifraga cespitosa</i>	-	I ⁺	II ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cerastium arcticum</i>	-	III ⁺	III ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ornithogalum chryseon</i>	-	II ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Saxifraga cernua</i>	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Papaver dahlbium</i>	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Myurella julacea</i>	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Eutrema edwardsii</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	III ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex oxiginata</i> (incl. C. ? ssp. <i>quasiingnata</i>)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ^{1,2}	-	III ^{1,2}	III ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	III ¹⁺¹
<i>Antennaria dioica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	I ¹	I ¹	I ¹	-	-	II ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia subfarcata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gastrolobis apetalata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺
<i>Peltigera canina</i>	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Peltigera polydactylon</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cardamine pratensis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Astragalus frigidus</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Dicranum congestum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Sphaerophorus fragilis</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stereocaulon botryosum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Ranunculus</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Chrysoplenium alternifolium</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Mnium</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Stereocaulon</i> sp.	IV ¹	II ¹	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Onophorus nahlenbergii</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	II ¹⁻⁴	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Bryum pseudotriquetrum</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	IV ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Tephrosia heterophylla</i>	-	I ⁺	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	I ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Abietinella abietina</i>	-	-	-	I ⁺	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cirrip-hyllum cirrosom</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cladonia crispata</i> ssp. <i>astariformis</i>	-	-	-	-	II ⁺	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Festuca richardsonii</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Encalypta alpina</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Hynum revolutum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Encalypta rhabdocarpa</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	I ⁺	I ⁺	I ⁺	II ⁺	III ¹⁻³	II ^{1,2}	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Caloplaca</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Cetraria aculeata</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Collema</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lecanora polytropha</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Lecidea</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Verrucaria</i> sp.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Racomitrium microcarpon</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Diphasium alpinum</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Carex bigelovii</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Oxytropis lapponica</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Campanula uniflora</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

including *Sanionia uncinata*, *Hylocomium splendens*, *Pleurozium schreberi* and *Tomentypnum nitens*.

Plant communities occur in small wind sheltered depressions protected by snow in winter and with rather moist soil conditions in the growing season. They often form mosaic with the association *Dryado-Caricetum rupestris* on ridges. The association is common in most parts of Svalbard, with the exception of the northern- and easternmost regions, it is especially common on calcium-rich substrata on seashore terraces of inner fjords, and is rather rare in Scandinavian Mountains. Its zonal distribution is thought to be confined to the southern part of arctic tundra (southern and middle Arctic, dwarf shrub- and shrub zone of Daniëls et al. 2000).

Ass. ***Vulpicido tilesii-Dryadetum octopetalae*** Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, p. 45–50; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 7).

DT are *Dryas octopetala*, *Carex rupestris*, *C. fuliginosa* and *Vulpicida tilesii*. Among constant species are *Androsace arctisibirica*, *Bistorta vivipara*, *Oxytropis sordida*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Silene acaulis*, mosses *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Hypnum bambergeri*, *Rhytidium rugosum*, and lichens *Alectoria nigricans*, *Cetraria islandica* subsp. *crispiformis*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Thamnomlia vermicularis*, *Lecanora epibryon*, *Ochrolechia frigida*, *Pertusaria oculata*.

Scattered mats of *Dryas octopetala* with other herbs, mosses and lichens form a downslope vegetation border around bare non-sorted gravelly half-circles. Communities of the association were described on south- and west-exposed slightly sloping seashore terraces on Vaygach Island and on the edges of steep river terrace on Yugorskii Peninsula.

Ass. ***Hedysaro arctici-Dryadetum octopetalae*** Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, p. 45–50; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation types 8 and 9).

Among DT and constants are *Cassiope tetragona*, *Carex rupestris*, *C. fuliginosa*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Armeria labradorica*, *Hedysarum arcticum*, *Juncus biglumis*, *Pinguicula alpina*, *Tofieldia pusilla*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Androsace arctisibirica*, *Bistorta vivipara*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia* and *Silene acaulis*.

Open plant communities (average cover 60 %) occur mainly in more sheltered and snow-protected habitats in lower parts of south and west exposed slopes, on clayey and gravelly soils on maritime terraces, on the border of steep slopes along canyon-like river valleys on Vaygach Island. Two subassociations were distinguished, *Hedysaro arctici-Dryadetum octopetalae typicum* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 and *Hedysaro arctici-Dryadetum octopetalae bistortetosum majoris* Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014. The former subassociation includes open plant communities with dominance of *Dryas octopetala* and lichens, with constant presence of sedges and herbs, and communities of the latter subassociation are more closed, and with a greater abundance of *Cassiope tetragona*.

Ass. ***Saxifraga aizoidis-Dryadetum octopetalae*** Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, p. 51, 53; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 10).

DT are *Deschampsia glauca*, *Saxifraga aizoides*, *Tephrosieris heterophylla*, *Tbalictrum alpinum*, *Trisetum spicatum* and *Campylyum stellatum*, dominants – *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix polaris* and *To-*

mentypnum nitens. Vegetation mats form a network of strips surrounding polygons composed of clay with gravel on exposed wind-swept habitats on the flat and sloping maritime terraces of Vaygach Island.

Ass. ***Arenario pseudofrigidae-Dryadetum octopetalae*** Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, p. 41–42; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 6).

DT *Arenaria pseudofrigida*, *Braya purpurascens*, *Tortula ruralis*, *Allocetraria madreporiformis*, dominants *Dryas octopetala* and *Silene acaulis*, constant species – *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Thamnomlia vermicularis*, *Lecanora epibryon* and *Hypnum bambergeri*. Open plant communities, with an average 20% total cover, mosses and lichens are here intertwined into cushions of dwarf shrubs, crustose lichens grow on plants remains. Stands of the association occur on seashore terraces of Vaygach Island, on clayey and gravelly ground, with primitive peaty soils under fragments of the vegetation.

Ass. ***Salici arcticae-Dryadetum octopetalae*** Lavrinenko, Matveyeva et Lavrinenko 2014 (Lavrinenko et al. 2014, p. 43–44; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 5).

DT *Salix arctica*, *S. nummularia*, *Rhodiola rosea* and *Physcomia muscigena*. Dominants are *Dryas octopetala* and *Silene acaulis*, constant species *Androsace arctisibirica*, *Bistorta vivipara*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Salix reticulata*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Thamnomlia vermicularis* and *Saxifraga oppositifolia*. Plant cover is open, in average 40 % of sample plot. Its horizontal structure is mosaic due to patterned ground, such as low-centered and flat polygons resulting from cryoturbation. Plant communities are located on the Dolgyi Island, on the marine terrain sloping towards the sea, on coarse gravelly soils, with numerous large stones at the surface.

In both associations, *Salici arcticae-Dryadetum octopetalae* and *Arenario pseudofrigidae-Dryadetum octopetalae*, the DT of the alliance *Arenarion norvegici* Nordh. 1935 *Arenaria pseudofrigida*, *Braya purpurascens* and *Rhodiola rosea* are constant and abundant. This alliance comprises base-rich to neutral scree and moraine communities of oroarctic and orohemiarctic belts of mountains of northern Europe (Valachovič et al. 1997). Both these associations show clear floristic and ecological similarities to the ass. *Salici arcticae-Arenarietum pseudophrygidae* Matveyeva, Lavrinenko et Lavrinenko 2013 (Matveyeva et al. 2013) of the *Arenarion norvegici* and are likely to occupy an intermediate position between this alliance and the *Kobresio-Dryadion*.

Ass. ***Campanulo unifloro-Elymetum*** (Nordh. 1928) Dierssen 1992 (Nordhagen 1955, p. 67 – 70; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 11). Syn. *Kobresietum myosuroidis* Nordh. (1928) 1955, *Carici rupestris-Kobresietum myosuroidis* (Nordh. 1935) Dahl 1987.

DT and dominants are *Dryas octopetala* and *Kobresia myosuroides*. Constant species are *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Salix reticulata*, *Astragalus subpolaris*, *Festuca ovina*, chionophobous lichens *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Ochrolechia frigida*.

The association was described from calcium-rich habitats in the upper oroarctic belt of Scandinavian Mountains, with two variants distinguished, the variant *Kobresia myosuroides-Alectoria ochroleuca-Cetraria nivalis* in dry snow-free habitats, with dominance of achionophytic lichens, and the

variant *Kobresia myosuroides*–*Rhytidium rugosum* in moderately snow-protected habitats, with a prevalence of mosses *Ditrichum flexicaule*, *Rhytidium rugosum*, *Abietinella abietina* (Nordhagen 1955).

Ass. ***Dryadetum octopetalae*** (Nordh. 1928) 1955 (Nordhagen 1955, pp.77–81; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation types 1 and 14). Syn. Moosreiche *Dryas octopetala*-heide (Nordhagen 1927), artenreiche *Dryas*-soziation (Kalliola 1939).

DT are *Dryas octopetala*, *Carex rupestris*, *Salix reticulata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*. Dominant and constant species are *Empetrum hermaphroditum*, *Arctous alpina*, *Silene acaulis*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*. The association is characterized by large portion of hygro-, mesophytic herbs (*Saussurea alpina*, *Saxifraga aizoides*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Tofieldia pusilla*) and mosses (*Hylocomium splendens*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Rhytidium rugosum*) and together with the diagnostic species of the *Loiseleurio*–*Diapension*, such as the lichens *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Alectoria ochroleuca* and *Ochrolechia frigida*.

The association is locally distributed in the lower and middle oroarctic belt in Scandinavian mountains, on the Norwegian and Barents Sea shore (on Varanger, Rybachyi (Fisher) Peninsulas) and islands (Reinøya, Magerøya, Sørøya) on calcium-rich rocky and sandy substrata, with moderate snow protection in winter.

The *Dryado*–*Caricetum rupestris* and *Dryadetum octopetalae* from Svalbard and from Scandinavia were united into one large and rather heterogeneous association *Carici rupestris*–*Dryadetum octopetalae* (Nordh. 1928) Dierssen 1992 (Dierssen 1992). They are treated here as separate syntaxa basing on differences in species composition (Table 2), habitats and geographical distribution.

Alliance ***Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricion arctisibiricae*** (Koroleva et Kulyugina 2010) ex Koroleva in Chytrý et al. 2015.

DT are *Dryas octopetala* (dominant), *Carex arctisibirica* (dominant), *Salix reticulata*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Astragalus subpolaris*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Saxifraga hieracifolia*, *Saxifraga hirculus*, *Eri-trichium villosum*.

Differing from *Kobresio*–*Dryadion*, this alliance lacks the characteristic and constant species of *Kobresio*–*Dryadion* such as *Carex rupestris*, *C. hepburnii*, *C. atrata*, *C. fuliginosa*, and has a more mesophytic appearance due to co-dominance of *Carex arctisibirica* and *Dryas octopetala* and constant presence of herbs and grasses from DT of class and alliance.

Habitats of the alliance range from small to medium size, on well drained, warm and moderately snow protected hilltops and mainly south- and west-exposed slopes of hills (“musyury”) on the north of Pechora Plain and on slopes of low foothills of Pay-Khoy mountains, on clayey, sandy and gravelly substrata, sometimes with frost boiling patches resulting from cryoturbation.

Plant communities of this alliance are rather rare in the western part of this area (in the Malozemel’skaja Tundra) but become more widely distributed to the east of Bol’shezemel’skaja tundra and Pay-Khoy Mountains, they represent the most species rich communities.

Ass. ***Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricetum arctisibiricae*** (Koroleva et Kulyugina) Koroleva in Chytrý et al. 2015 (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in print, Chytrý et al. 2015); this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 16).

Dominants are *Carex arctisibirica*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix polaris*, *S. reticulata*, *S. lanata* (of plagiotropic growth form), moreover among diagnostic species are *Pyrola grandiflora*, *Poa arctica*, *Luzula nivalis*, *Tomentypnum nitens*, *Stereocaulon alpinum*, *Peltigera aphthosa*, *P. canina*, *P. polydactylon*, *Cladonia macroceras*. A high proportion of cover of mesophytic herbs (*Bistorta vivipara*, *Hedysarum arcticum*, *Myosotis asiatica*, *Pyrola grandiflora*) is indicative of a moderate water supply. Mosses (*Aulacomnium turgidum*, *Hylocomium splendens*, *Tomentypnum nitens*, *Ptilidium ciliare* etc.) form short and tough cover. Lichens are scattered, among them *Cetraria islandica*, *Flavocetraria cucullata*, *Peltigera aphthosa*, *Stereocaulon alpinum*, *Thamnolia vermicularis* are most common.

Plant communities of area 100–300 m² occur on slightly sloping sites and the uppermost parts of morainic hills, in Yugorskii Peninsula and on foothills of Polar Ural, on cryogenic gleyish soils, depth of permafrost is 0.8 m. These habitats are affected by severe overgrazing due to high density of passing reindeer herds.

Ass. ***Salici reticulatae*–*Dryadetum octopetalae*** Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015 (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in print; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 17).). Syn. *Hylocomium proliferum*–*Carex hyperborea* (Dedov 2006).

DT are *Dryas octopetala* and *Salix reticulata* (dominants), mesophytic herbs, DT of alliance, *Astragalus subpolaris* and *Hedysarum arcticum* occur at high constancy. *Hylocomium splendens* and *Aulacomnium turgidum* prevail among mosses, *Flavocetraria nivalis* and *Cladonia* spp. among lichens. This association is differentiated from the *Dryado octopetalae*–*Caricetum arctisibiricae* by species composition, a higher portion of mosses (*Polytrichum juniperinum*, *P. hyperboreum*) and fruticose lichens (*Cladonia stellaris*) and closed cover of *Dryas octopetala*.

These plant communities occupy a few dozen of square meters on south-exposed tops of morainic hills, at about 200 m above sea level, on clayey and sandy soils, with permafrost at 0.5 m in depth. The association was rarely found in Malozemel’skaja and Bol’shezemel’skaja tundra, where the stands are affected by reindeer overgrazing.

Ass. ***Pediculari oederi*–*Dryadetum octopetalae*** (Andreev 1932) Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015 (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in print; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 18). Syn. association *Dryas octopetala*–*Hylocomium proliferum* and association *Salix reticulata*–*Carex rigida*–*Hylocomium proliferum*–*Rhytidium rugosum* ass. (Andreev 1932).

The dominants include dwarf shrubs *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix reticulata*, *Vaccinium uliginosum* and herbs *Carex arctisibirica*, *Bistorta vivipara*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Stellaria peduncularis*, *Lagotis minor*. The vegetation has a grassland-like physiognomy and primarily contains meso-hygrophytic herbs and grasses, dwarf shrubs, pleurocarpous mosses and fruticose lichens. The vegetation stands are characterized by a small scale pattern of low tussocks of *Carex arctisibirica* and cushions of *Dryas octopetala*, and wet shallow hollows. Typical species on the small hummocks are *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Thamnolia vermicularis*, in the hollows, *Hylocomium splendens* occurs.

The association occurs rarely on steep south exposed slopes and hilltops of Bol’shezemel’skaja tundra, in the north of Pechorskaja lowland, on moderately to poorly drained clayey soils, with permafrost at 0.3–0.4 m.

Class **Salicetea herbaceae** Br.-Bl., Emb. & Mol. 1947

Order **Salicetalia herbaceae** Br.-Bl.ap. Br.-Bl. & Jenny 1928

Class and order comprise snow-bed vegetation with snow accumulation in winter and a shortened growing season; they are affected by snowmelt water and have an arctic-alpine distribution. Among DT of the class and order in the study area are *Salix herbacea*, *S. polaris*, *Harrimanella hypnoides*, *Cerastium regelii*, *Omalothea supina*, *Beckwithia glacialis*, *Ranunculus nivalis*, *R. pygmaeus*, *R. sulphureus*, *Sagina cespitosa*, *Saxifraga rivularis*, *Sibbaldia procumbens*, *Taraxacum croceum*, *Viola alpina*, *Alopecurus alpinus*, *Luzula arctica*, *L. arcuata*, *L. confusa*, *Anthelia juratzkiana*, *Cephalozia ambigua*, *Conostomum tetragonum*, *Gymnomitrium corallioides*, *G. apiculatum* *G. concinnatum*, *Kiaeria starkei*, *Moerckia blyttii*, *Pleurocladula albescens*, *Poblia drummondii*, *Polytrichum sexangulare*, *Racomitrium sudeticum*, *Sauteria alpina*, *Solorina crocea*, *Stereocaulon alpinum*. Synusiae of bryophytes are of high importance, usually plant communities have well-developed closed moss (liverworts) layer and open scattered field layer of dwarf shrubs and graminoids.

Alliance **Cassiopo–Salicion herbaceae** Nordh. 1936

The alliance includes subnival communities on oligotrophic and mainly acid substrata in the circumpolar Arctic and in mountains of northern Europe. DT are *Salix polaris*, *Ranunculus nivalis*, *R. sulphureus*, *Saxifraga rivularis*, *Cerastium regelii*, *Anthelia juratzkiana*, *Blepharostoma trichophyllum*, *Gymnomitrium corallioides*, *G. apiculatum*, *G. concinnatum*, *Pleurocladula albescens*, *Poblia drummondii*. They are distinguished by a dominance of herbs and graminoids (*Luzula confusa*), and prostrate dwarf shrubs (*Salix polaris*). The plant communities of this alliance in Svalbard are distinguished by a well developed layer of mosses and (or) liverworts, where they cover extensive areas on maritime terraces and in lower parts of mountain slopes.

Ass. **Salici polaris–Dryadetum octopetalae** (Rønning 1965) Koroleva 2011 (Koroleva 2011, pp. 24–26; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 3). Syn. *Polari–Dryadetum* (Rønning, 1965).

The absolute dominants are *Salix polaris* and *Dryas octopetala*, the moss layer is thick and rich in species, of which the most prominent are *Sanionia uncinata*, *Hylocomium splendens*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum* and *Ptilidium ciliare*. Among lichens *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Ochrolechia frigida*, *Stereocaulon alpinum* are constant and abundant. Differing from associations of alliance *Kobresio–Dryadion* the constancy of DT of alliance is low (as for *Cassiope tetragona*, *Silene acaulis*, *Tomentypnum nitens*) or they are lacking (*Carex rupestris*, *C. hepburnii*).

Class **Loiseleurio–Vaccinietaea** Egger 1952 em. Schubert 1960 (syn. *Vaccinio–Piceetea* Br.-Bl., ap. Br.-Bl., Siss. et Vlg. 1939, *Loiseleurio–Cetrarietea* Suzuki-Tokio et Umezu in Suzuki-Tokio 1964, *Vaccinio–Juniperetea communis* Passarge in Passarge et G. Hofmann 1968, *Betuletea rotundifoliae* Mirkin et al. (1983) 1986).

Order **Rhododendro–Vaccinietalia** Br.-Bl. in Br.-Bl. et Jenny 1926 (syn. *Vaccinio–Piceetalia* Br.-Bl., ap. Br.-Bl., Siss. et Vlg. 1939, *Loiseleurio–Vaccinietalia* Egger 1952, *Empetretalia hermaphroditii* Schubert 1960, *Deschampsio–Myrtilletalia* Dahl 1957).

Class and order comprise dwarf shrub heathlands with a dominance of *Empetrum hermaphroditum* and other dwarf

shrubs of the Ericaceae, which play a major role in southern tundra (lower oroarctic and orohemiarctic belts in mountains of boreal and temperate zone). DT are *Empetrum hermaphroditum*, *Arctous alpina*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Betula nana*, *Phyllodoce caerulea*, *Diapensia lapponica*, *Loiseleuria procumbens*.

Alliance **Loiseleurio–Diapension** (Br.-Bl. et al. 1939) Daniëls 1982 (syn. *Loiseleurieto–Diapension* Br.-Bl., ap. Br.-Bl., Siss. et Vlg. 1939, *Loiseleurio–Arctostaphylyon* Kalliola 1939, *Arctostaphylo–Cetrarion nivalis* Dahl 1957, *Empetro–Cetrarion nivalis* Thannheiser 1975).

The alliance comprises achyonophytic and acidophytic dwarf shrub communities in southern tundra (oroarctic and orohemiarctic belts in mountains). The alliance was considered by F. Daniëls (1982) to occur in northern Scandinavia, Greenland, Iceland and probably in the western North America. DT are *Diapensia lapponica*, *Loiseleuria procumbens*, *Arctous alpina*, *Juncus trifidus*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Ptilidium ciliare*, *Gymnomitrium corallioides*. Among faithful taxa of this alliance are achionophytic lichens *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Thamnolia vermicularis*, *Ochrolechia frigida*, *Alectoria nigricans*, *A. ochroleuca*, *Bryocaulon divergens*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*.

Some of these lichen species are also present (and abundant) in communities of the *Kobresio–Dryadion* on basic and calcium-rich substrate because they are considered to depend on the microclimatic conditions of habitat rather than substrate characteristics. Their ecological amplitude is thus much wider than the amplitude of the *Loiseleurio–Diapension* (Daniëls 1982).

Ass. **Racomitrio lanuginosi–Dryadetum octopetalae** Telyatnikov 2010 (Telyatnikov 2010 a, p. 169–172; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 24). Syn. *Racomitrio–Dryadetum octopetalae* Koroleva 2011.

DT are *Dryas octopetala*, *Cassiope tetragona*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Cetrariella delisei*, *Salix polaris*. Among dominants are dwarf shrubs (*Cassiope tetragona*, *Dryas octopetala*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Salix polaris*) and lichens (*Cetraria islandica*, *Cladonia arbuscula*, *C. coccifera*, *C. rangiferina*). Plant communities occur in snow-free wind exposed well-drained habitats in mountains of Kola Peninsula and in north-west of Plateau Putorana. Differing from communities of *Kobresio–Dryadion*, this association is lacking in diagnostic taxa of the alliance, except for *Dryas octopetala* and *Cassiope tetragona*.

Ass. *Racomitrio–Dryadetum octopetalae* Koroleva 2011 (Koroleva 2011, p. 29–30; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 15) was described in mountains of Kola Peninsula and attributed to the alliance *Kobresio–Dryadion*, but the name is illegitimate and has to be rejected as a later homonym. In accordance with the Principle of Priority of Code of phytosociological nomenclature (Weber et al. 2008) the correct name of a syntaxon is the earliest validly published, ass. *Racomitrio lanuginosi–Dryadetum octopetalae* Telyatnikov 2010.

Suballiance **Salicinion nummulariae** suball. nov. prov.

DT are *Salix nummularia*, *Luzula confusa*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Festuca ovina*, *Polytrichum hyperboreum*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Ptilidium ciliare*, *Thamnolia vermicularis*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Bryocaulon divergens*, *Alectoria nigricans*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, *Dactylina arctica*.

Plant cover reaches 100 %, but mainly 70–80 %, with dominance and constant presence of hypoarctic, Arctic and alpine species: low and plagiotropic dwarf shrubs *Salix nummularia* (differential species of suballiance), *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *V. vitis-idaea*, *Dryas octopetala* and xero-, mesophytic grasses *Luzula confusa*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Festuca ovina*, *Carex arctisibirica*, *Trisetum spicatum*, *Poa arctica*, *P. alpigena* and herbs *Tanacetum bipinnatum*, *Antennaria villifera*. There is a well-developed ground layer composed of mesophytic mosses (*Hylocomium splendens*, *Dicranum majus*), and achionophytic lichens (*Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Cetraria islandica*, *Bryocaulon divergens*, *Alectoria nigricans*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*).

Achionophytic and oligotrafent plant communities of the suballiance occur on well drained, warm and from snow-free to moderately snow protected hilltops and gentle slopes of morainic hills and low mountains, on seashore terrains, on sandy and gravelly substrata, sometimes with frost boiling patches. The suballiance is distributed through the southern and typical tundra of the north-east of European Russia, and in the western part of northern Siberia. It is closely related to syntaxa of dry open grasslands on sandy substrata described from the north of Pechora Plain (Kulyugina 2008) and Yamal (Ektova & Ermokhina 2012).

Ass. ***Stereocaulon paschalis–Dryadetum octopetalae*** Koroleva et Kulyugina 2015 (Koroleva & Kulyugina 2015, in print; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 19). Syn. *Salix berbacea–Stereocaulon paschale* ass. of dwarf shrubs-and-lichens-dominated tundra, *Empetrum nigrum–Polytrichum hyperboreum*, *Salix polaris–Polytricha* ass. of dwarf shrubs-and-mosses-dominated tundra (Andreev 1932).

DT include those of suballiance and also *Betula nana*, *Empetrum hermaphroditum*, *Dicranum elongatum*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Stereocaulon paschale*. The association includes *Dryas octopetala*-dominated heathlands with a high portion of dwarf shrubs (*Salix polaris*, *S. nummularia*) and low grasses (*Carex arctisibirica*, *Festuca ovina*, *Poa arctica*, *Luzula confusa*). Lichens (*Cetraria islandica*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*) are constant and abundant, and a high cover of *Ochrolechia frigida*, *Sphaerophorus globosus* and *Stereocaulon paschale* results from reindeer overgrazing.

Stands of the association occupy dry and snow-free ridges and upper slopes of sandy and gravelly folded moraines and hills at about 150–180 m, with permafrost at 1.5 m or deeper. They are distributed in the north of Pechora plain and in the foothills of Pay-Khoy. In Polar Ural this association was described in the upper oroarctic belt, in snow-free south-east exposed slope, on clayey and gravelly substrata with cryogenic bare earth patches.

Association **Lichens–*Polytrichum*-dwarf shrubs** of the formation ***Dryas octopetala*** (Telyatnikov 2003, p. 35–41; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 20).

This and the following vegetation types were described and named according to the dominant life form and species. Among constant species are *Dryas octopetala* (dominant), *Salix nummularia*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Poa alpigena*, *Calamagrostis bolmii*. Cover of dwarf shrubs and grasses is 25 % and 10 %, cover of mosses (*Aulacomnium turgidum*, *Rhytidium rugosum*, *Hylocomium splendens* var. *alaskanum*, *Polytrichastrum alpinum*) and lichens (*Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Thamnolia vermicu-*

laris, *Sphaerophorus globosus*, *Dactylina arctica*) is 40 %. Plant communities occupy dry and moderately snow-protected habitats on sandy soils, on flat and sloping terrains of typical (northern) tundra of Yamal Peninsula.

Association **Herbs–*Dryas octopetala*** of the formation ***Dryas octopetala*** (Telyatnikov 2003, p. 35–42; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 21).

Dominants are *Dryas octopetala* and *Salix nummularia*; species with high constancy – *Myosotis asiatica*, *Campanula rotundifolia*, *Tanacetum bipinnatum*, *Trisetum spicatum*, *Festuca ovina*, *Equisetum arvense*. Mosses and lichens cover 30 % of sample plot, with constant species *Polytrichastrum alpinum*, *Poblia nutans*, *Thamnolia vermicularis*, *Flavocetraria nivalis*, *Cetraria islandica*.

The microtopography of habitats of the association is hummocky, with ribbon-like hummocks forming steps perpendicularly downslope. Plant communities occur on sandy soils in ridges and slopes of seashore terrains in the middle Arctic tundra of Yamal Peninsula.

Ass. ***Festuco ovinae–Dryadetum octopetalae*** Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 stat. nov. (Telyatnikov & Pristiyazhnyuk 2012, pp. 57–62; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation types 22, 23).

Dominants and constant species are *Dryas octopetala*, *Arctous alpina*, *Festuca ovina*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Cladonia coccifera*, *Pertusaria coriacea* and *Bryoria nitidula*. Plant communities with well defined layers: dwarf shrubs and herbs cover 40 % and 20–25 % of sample plot respectively, mosses – 20 %, lichens – 35 %. Habitats of association occur on flat and slightly sloping ridges and slopes of watershed hills, on well drained sandy and gravelly soils. The association was subdivided into two subassociations: *Festuco ovinae–Dryadetum octopetalae typicum* Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012 and *Festuco ovinae–Dryadetum octopetalae saussuretosum alpinae* Telyatnikov et Pristiyazhnyuk 2012.

Alliance ?

Ass. ***Dryado octopetalae–Caricetum sabynensis*** (Telyatnikov 2011) stat. nov. (Telyatnikov 2011, p. 67–71; this paper, tab. 2, vegetation type 25).

DT are *Pachypleurum alpinum*, *Andromeda polifolia* subsp. *pumila*, *Claytonia joanneana*, *Saussurea parviflora*, *Viola uniflora*, *Sanguisorba officinalis*, *Oxyria digyna*, *Antennaria villifera*, *Potentilla gelida*, *Tofieldia pusilla*, *Gastrolychnis apetala*, *Carex fuscicula*, *C. sabynensis*, *Selaginella selaginoides*, *Equisetum scirpoides*. Constant and dominant species are dwarf shrubs *Dryas octopetala*, *Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Salix saxatilis*, *Andromeda polifolia*, *Betula nana* and herbs *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Hedysarum arcticum* and other diagnostic species of the association. Mosses (*Hylocomium splendens*) and chionophytic lichens (*Cetraria islandica*, *Cladonia arbuscula*) cover 10 % and 15–20 %.

Plant communities occur on prominent slightly sloping surfaces of oroarctic (goltzovyi) belt of Putorana Plateau, and are seasonally irrigated with melting snow water. Habitats represent complex of vegetation mats, stones and cryogenic patches of bare earth, sometimes displaced along the slope due to solifluction.

The association was originally described in the alliance *Caricion nardinae* (syn. of *Kobresio–Dryadion*), but is lacking most DT of this alliance, though DT of the class *Carici rupestris–Kobresietea* and the order *Thymo arctici–Kobresietalia* (such as *Dryas octopetala*, *Salix reticulata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Pedicularis oederi*, *Hedysarum arcticum*) are present with high constancy and coverage (Telyatnikov 2011). Moreover, there are a number of taxa, mainly mesophytic herbs with Siberian distribution, such as *Festuca altaica*, *Carex melanocarpa*, *C. sabynensis*, *Claytonia joanneana*, *Saussurea parviflora*, *Viola uniflora*. Some of these (*Pachypleurum alpinum*, *Festuca altaica*, *Carex sabynensis*) were included in the diagnostic combination of the alliance *Solidagini–Betulion nanae* Telyatnikov 2009, class *Loiseleurio–Vaccinieta* (Telyatnikov 2009). There appears to be a need for a new alliance in the *Carici rupestris–Kobresietea bellardii* for *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities with a high portion of mesophytic herbs with Siberian areal.

DISCUSSION

Dryas-dominated communities along the gradient from Svalbard to western Siberia belong to the different classes and alliances. There is a high portion of diagnostic species of other higher rank syntaxa in *Dryas* communities (Table 2). Lichens and mosses from diagnostic species of the alliance *Loiseleurio–Diapension* (*Flavocetraria nivalis*, *F. cucullata*, *Thamnolia vermicularis*, *Racomitrium lanuginosum*, *Ptilidium ciliare*, *Ochrolechia frigida*, *Alectoria nigricans*, *Bryocaulon divergens*, *Sphaerophorus globosus*) are constantly presented in *Dryas* tundra. Diagnostic species of *Phyllocladoc–Vaccinion myrtilli* (*Vaccinium uliginosum*, *Hylacomium splendens*, *Betula nana*, *Pleurozium schreberi*, *Nephroma arcticum*) are common in continental sub-arctic *Dryas* tundra. This confirms an idea about syntaxonomical continuum in the arctic vegetation.

Generally, *Dryas*-dominated plant communities are referred to as 'intra-zonal' – mainly dependent on bedrocks and microclimates rather than climate, which controls the vegetation zones. However, it appeared that different *Dryas octopetala* syntaxa tightly follow the latitudinal and longitudinal geo-botanical divisions of the Arctic (Aleksandrova 1977) reflecting general structure and composition of the zonal vegetation pattern.

The alliance *Kobresio–Dryadion* has a wide European arctic and oroarctic range. This explains similarities of syntaxa of the *Kobresio–Dryadion* in Svalbard, Vaygach and Dolgyi and oroarctic belt in Scandinavian Mts. confirmed by the group of species (*Carex rupestris*, *C. hepburnii*, *C. fuliginosa*, *Pedicularis dasyantha*). However, in Scandinavian Mts. the associations of this alliance are rare and considered to be relic (Nordhagen 1955).

Regional differentiation of *Dryas*-dominated tundra confirms the ecogeographical division of the Arctic and is linked with partition of the Arctic tundra; moreover the distinctive differences between communities in Fennoscandia, Pechora Plain and Yamal can be driven by a variety of bedrocks and dissimilar Quaternary geological history.

According to Aleksandrova (1977), Svalbard is referred as the particular geobotanical autonomous district of Arctic tundra, and Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands were considered

together with Novaja Zemlja Archipelago as the particular geobotanical sub-province (Vaygachsko-Novo-Zemel'skya sub-province) of the Arctic tundra. Floristic specificity of Svalbard Island was confirmed by Yurtzev et al. (1978), who regarded it as specific floristic sub-province. Our comparison of plant communities of the *Kobresio–Dryadion* in Svalbard vs Vaygach and Dolgyi, outlined a group of species common in both areas (*Carex rupestris*, *C. fuliginosa*, *Saxifraga oppositifolia*, *Pedicularis dasyantha* etc., Table 2). All of them have wide Arctic, meta-Arctic and Arctic-alpine distribution. However, such species as *Carex hepburnii* were encountered only in Svalbard while *Salix reticulata*, *Thalictrum alpinum*, *Pedicularis oederi* and *Hedysarum arcticum* were characteristic of Vaygach and Dolgyi Islands. No syntaxa were common to both areas that confirms their distinctive botanical states.

The alliance *Dryado octopetalae–Caricion arctisibiricae* of the Pechora Plain and eastern hilltops of Polar Ural was differentiated by *Eritrichium villosum*, *Pyrola grandiflora*, *Saxifraga hirculus*, *S. hieracifolia*, *Ranunculus monophyllus*, *Descampsia glauca* etc. (Table 2) that confirms distinctiveness of the zonal European tundra: Kola Peninsula represents the Kolskaja sub-province and the north of Pechora Plain – the East-European sub-province of the East-European-West-Siberian Province of sub-Arctic tundra. This differentiation is linked as well with the floristic division of Arctic by Yurtzev et al. (1978), where the north of Pechora Plain belongs to a specific Kaninsko-Pechorskaya floristic sub-province. Pay-Khoy Mts. and Polar Ural also represent a distinctive sub-province in the geobotanical division of the Arctic.

Mesophytic herbs with Eurasian and Asian distribution, such as *Lagotis minor*, *Valeriana capitata*, *Myosotis asiatica*, *Stellaria peduncularis*, *Salix nummularia*, *Hierochloë alpina*, *Tanacetum bipinnatum* etc. differentiate *Dryas*-dominated communities to the east of Fennoscandia, on Pechora Plain, in Polar Ural, Yamal and Putorana. Their similarity depends in part on strong reindeer grazing pressure.

Data on Siberian *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities are sparse, and these communities need further study and classification. *Dryas* tundra on Putorana Plateau with large part of mesophytic herbs with Asiatic (mainly Siberian) distribution (*Trollius asiaticus*, *Saxifraga nelsoniana*, *Petasites sibiricus*, *Festuca altaica*, *Carex melanocarpa*, *C. sabynensis*) remains to be ascribed to a distinct alliance.

Dryas-dominated vegetation in European and West-Siberian tundra is one of the most diverse and species-rich in the Arctic. It mainly occupies restricted areas scattered over a more extensive range. The average number of species per association varies from 14 (*Caricetum nardinae* on Svalbard) to 54 (*Hedysaro arctici–Dryadetum octopetalae* on the Dolgyi Isl.). *Dryas*-dominated communities host several endangered species: *Leucorchis albida*, *Arnica alpina* and *Alchemilla alpina* in Kola area (Konstantinova et al. 2003), *Astragalus frigidus*, *Cortusa matthioli*, *Eritrichium villosum*, *Coeloglossum viride*, *Pinguicula alpina*, *Potentilla gelida* subsp. *boreo-asiatica*, *Rhodoila quadrifida*, *Taraxacum nivale*, *Tephrosieris heterophylla*, *T. tundricola* (Matveeva 2006). Species-rich *Dryas*-dominated communities with numerous mesophytic herbs (*Hedysarum arcticum*, *Castilleja actica*, *Delphinium middendorffii*, *Armeria maritima*, *Valeriana capitata*) were described by Morozova et

al. (2006) in southern tundra on Yamal and treated as rare plant community for Siberia (Koropachinsky 1996). *Dryas*-dominated communities are critically important parts of the Arctic biodiversity deserving the high level of legal protection. Conservation efforts should be directed to the decrease of the strong anthropogenic pressure and reindeer overgrazing in the habitats. Natural distribution, structure and functions of *Dryas*-dominated communities as well as the long-term survival of their characteristic species should be considered as a top priority of biodiversity conservation in the Arctic.

CONCLUSIONS

The phytosociological study of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated plant communities in the European-West-Siberian sector of the Arctic on the base of Braun-Blanquet classification confirms the general ecogeographic and floristic division of the Arctic in spite of the 'intra-zonal' character of this vegetation. The differentiation of the *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* from Svalbard to the West Siberia is revealed at the alliance level. Dry and dry-mesic heath, grasslands and barrens related to the alliance *Kobresio-Dryadion* distributed mainly on the mountains in western European Arctic occur in the area studied in the arctic and typical tundra (Svalbard archipelago, Islands Vaygach and Dolgyi) and in the oroarctic belt of Fennoscandia. In the eastern part of the European tundra, mainland communities are dominated by *Dryas octopetala* and numerous mesic grasses and herbs, which belong to the alliance *Dryado octopetalae-Caricion arctisibiricae*.

Dryas octopetala-dominated communities lacking associated diagnostic species of the class *Carici rupestris-Kobresietea bellardii* and the order *Thymo arctici-Kobresietalia* were related to other syntaxonomical units, such as the alliance *Cassiopo-Salicion herbaceae* (class *Salicetea herbaceae*) and the alliance *Loiseleurio-Diapension* (class *Loiseleurio-Vaccinieta*). In the latter a new suballiance is proposed, *Salicion nummulariae*, comprising achionophytic, mainly acidophytic and oligotrophic plant communities on sandy and gravelly substrates in the southern and typical tundra of the north-east of the European part of Russia, and in the western part of northern Siberia. Therefore, the range of the alliance *Loiseleurio - Diapension* stretches from the southern tundra to Siberian typical (northern) tundra and proves to be greater than was originally thought.

The syntaxonomical position of *Dryas octopetala*-dominated communities of Yamal, Polar Ural and Putorana is yet to be firmly established and needs additional study.

Dryas-dominated vegetation in European and north-west-Siberian tundra supports high biodiversity, occupies naturally restricted areas and hosts a number of endangered species. These plant communities represent high value habitats and need protection and monitoring.

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