

# Mountain avens

*Dryas octopetala* L., 1753

The mountain Avens forms dense mats. It is in fact a shrub whose branches crawl on the ground - and sometimes burrow into it. Its leaves are toothed and resemble those of the oak tree, but in miniature! Its white flowers are characterised by the number of petals, usually eight. But beware, it doesn't always work: plants aren't used to reading what people say about them. They do as they please...



## Common names

Eightpetal mountain-avens or Mountain avens

## Environment

Alpine and sub-alpine grasslands, rocky outcrops

## Altitude

1000-2900 m

## Season

- june-september

## Size

5 to 10 cm

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