

# Glacier crowfoot

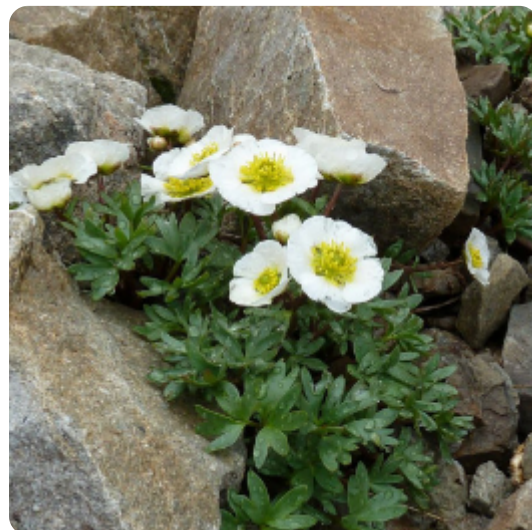
*Ranunculus glacialis* L., 1753

This small plant has slightly fleshy leaves, cut into several rounded lobes. Its flowers have 5 white petals often tinged with purple-pink on the underside. The centre of the flower is occupied by a cluster of golden yellow stamens. It is the largest flower to be found at such altitudes in the Alps! The sepals\* are covered with red hairs.

\*Sepals: small modified leaves, with a rough texture and grassy appearance, found between the stem and the petals, which serve as the outer sheath of the floral calyx.

## Not to confuse

The Alpine buttercup (*R. alpestris*) never has hairs on the sepals; the Segulier buttercup (*R. seguieri*) has neither red hairs nor a pink tinge on the underside of the petals.



## Common names

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## Environment

High altitude rocky ridges and screes

## Altitude

1900-3750 m

## Season

- june-september

## Size

5 to 20 cm

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