Mossy saxifrage

Saxifraga bryoides L.,1753

This saxifrage, which forms small dense mats, has horizontally growing stems on which rosettes of moss-like leaves develop. Its leaves are narrow, pointed, and characterised by 'cilia' on the margins (like eyelashes!). Its flowers have oval petals, white in the upper part and studded with yellowish dots in the basal part.

Not to confuse

The rough saxifrage (S. aspera) does not form such neat little rosettes. Its stem is much larger (10 to 20 cm)



Common names Mossy saxifrage

Environment

High altitude rocky ridges, rock slabs, and screes

Altitude 1500-3700 m

Season

• june-september

Size 1 to 5 cm

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