

Alpine snowbell

Soldanella alpina L., 1753

This delicate-looking plant is able to grow under the snow! Its flower buds can pierce through it, and it is not uncommon to see its flowers blooming on the surface of the snow cover. Its purplish corollas*, with long fringed margins, form characteristic bells. Its leaves, all located at the base of the stem, are rounded, leathery and shiny. The stem is dark red in colour.

*Corolla: set of petals.



Common names

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Environment

Alpine and subalpine grasslands

Altitude

1350-2700 m

Season

- april-july

Size

5 to 15 cm

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