

# **Alpine clover**

## Trifolium alpinum L., 1753

Alpine clover has all the characteristics of a mountain plant: an almost non-existent stem and a highly developed root system, with a root up to 1 m long. The Latin name of the genus (tri for 'three' and folium for 'leaf') leaves no doubt as to the number of leaflets\*. Their shape, elongated, narrow and pointed, is related to the explicit name given to this clover by shepherds: "hen's foot"!

\*leaflet: a set of small leaves that form a compound leaf.



### Common names

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#### **Environment**

Alpine and subalpine grasslands

#### Altitude

1000-2950 m

#### Season

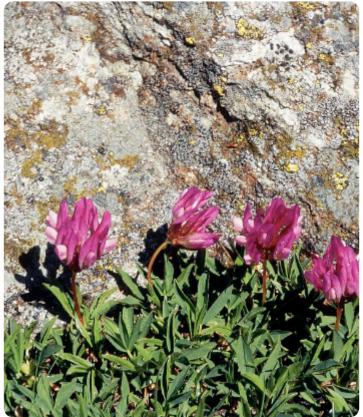
• may-october

### Size

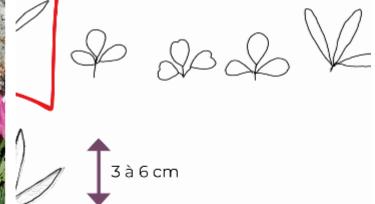
3 to 6 cm

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trèfle se reconnait à la forme très caractéristique (
illes allongées et étroites et pointues, non poilues
trouvent par 3 comme pour tous les trèfles.
n'y a pas de feuilles sur les tiges elles sont toutes e
Ses fleurs sont roses.









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