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ART. 19. PLANTS FROM LOWER SEAL LAKE, UNGAVA, CANADA

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Clearwater Explorations, Ltd., conducted geological and biological studies in Ungava in the summer of 1953. Through the kindness of R. D. Cowen, of Cleveland, Ohio, and J. V. Rawson, of Plainfield, N. J., Dr. J. Kenneth Doutt, Curator of Mammals, Carnegie Museum, was included in the party as mammalogist. Dr. Doutt's report "Observations on Mammals along the East Coast of Hudson Bay and the Interior of Ungava," including the itinerary of the expedition, has already appeared (Annals of the Carnegie Museum, volume 33, pages 235-249).

While at Lower Seal Lake in August, 1953, Dr. Doutt took occasion to collect plants of the area in addition to mammals. The notes in quotation marks and the Indian names of the plants were supplied by him; and his collector's numbers, when indicated, are in parentheses. The plants are listed in phylogenetic order, under two different localities.

Lower Seal Lake, Ungava, 56°31' N. 73°48' W., August 9-14, 1953

EQUISETACEAE

Equisetum sylvaticum Linnaeus. Wood horsetail. (7449.)

"Found only in protected places; these were along a brook under dense spruce and tamarack."

LYCOPODIACEAE

Lycopodium annotinum var. pungens (LaPylaie) Desvaux. Stiff or bristly club-moss variety. (7444b.)

PINACEAE

Larix laricina (DuRoi) K. Koch. Tamarack or larch; Indian name, Napash-ook. (7442.)

"Largest tree seen was 42 feet high and at two feet above the ground was 11 inches in diameter."

GRAMINEAE

Calamagrostis canadensis var. robusta Vasey. Variety of blue-joint grass. (7437.)

Agrostis borealis Hartman. Northern bentgrass. (7446.)

CYPERACEAE

Carex bigelowii Torrey. Bigelow sedge. (7448.)

SALICACEAE

Salix cordifolia var. callicarpaea (Trautvetter) Fernald. Variety of heart-leaved willow; Indian name, Nip-shee. (7477.)

CORYLACEAE

Betula glandulosa Michaux. Dwarf birch; Indian name, Nee pee. (7478.)

Alnus crispa var. mollis Fernald. Variety of green or mountain alder.

(7453.)

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"Three to four feet high. Common in protected places along shores or old beaches."

ROSACEAE

Potentilla tridentata Aiton. Three-toothed cinquefoil. (7435a.) Potentilla palustris (Linnaeus) Scopoli. Marsh five-finger. (7441.)

EMPETRACEAE

Empetrum nigrum Linnaeus. Black crowberry; Indian name, Me-nik sho. (7443.)

VIOLACEAE

Viola adunca var. minor (Hooker) Fernald. Variety of the hooked violet. (7444a.)

ONAGRACEAE

Epilobium augustifolium Linnaeus. Fireweed or great willow-herb. (7447.)

CORNACEAE

Cornus canadensis Linnaeus. Dwarf cornel or bunchberry. (7435c.)

PYROLACEAE

Pyrola minor Linnaeus. Smaller shinleaf. (7438.)

ERICACEAE

Ledum palustre var. decumbens Aiton. Variety of narrow-leaved Labrador tea. (7451-7452.) Specimen in fruit.

"In flower at Clearwater Lake, July 28."

Vaccinium uliginosum var. alpinum f. langeanum (Malte) Polunin. Alpine bilberry form. (7450a.) Specimen with ripe fruit.

"July 28, at Clearwater Lake, only green berries were seen. First ripe berries were seen August 8."

V. vitis-idaea var. minus Loddiges. Mountain cranberry or cowberry. (7450b.)

SCROPHULARIACEAE

Euphrasia arctica Lange. Arctic eyebright. (7444c.) Pedicularis labradorica Wirsing. Lousewort. (7435b.)

CAPRIFOLIACEAE

Linnaea borealis var. americana (Forbes) Rehder. American twinflower. (7439.)

Viburnum edule (Michaux) Rafinesque. Mooseberry. (7454.)

COMPOSITAE

Aster puniceus var. firmus (Nees) Torrey and Gray. Variety of the purplestem aster. (7440.)

Lower Seal Lake, Ungava, Camp 2, 56°34' N. 73°35' W., August 16, 1953

PINACEAE

Picea mariana (Miller) Britton, Sterns and Poggenberg. Black spruce; Indian name, Che-tak-win. (7491.)

"Most common tree, but becoming scattered and scraggly here."

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CARYOPHYLLACEAE

Arenaria groenlandica (Retzius) Sprengel. Mountain sandwort.

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