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General: A low evergreen shrub that forms mats.

Leaves & Twigs: Leaves are simple, oval-shaped and leathery having a dark green, shiny upper surface with a deeply creased mid vein and a paler green under surface dotted with dark glands.

Flowers & Fruits: The tiny pink or white flowers (4–8 mm long) resemble drooping bells and appear in small clusters at the tips of branches. The fruit is bright to dark red, ripening in September.

Habitat: Prefers open, acidic, boggy places, rocky barrens and moist to dry coniferous woods throughout Newfoundland and Labrador.

Blooming Time: June-July

How to Observe: Select a typical patch of plants, if plants are very abundant mark a one meter square patch of plants to observe.

First Bloom: When the first flowers are open (stamens are visible) in at least three different places in the patch.

Mid Bloom: When half the flowers are open in the observed patch.