

## Tufted Saxifrage - *Saxifraga cespitosa*



**Range:** Found from Alaska to Northwestern Oregon. In Washington and Oregon found commonly in the mountains. (Pojar 1994)

**Climate, elevation:** Low to high elevations in Canada and Alaska. Found in middle to high elevations in Washington and Oregon. (Pojar 1994)

**Local occurrence:** Common locally in the Cascades and Olympics on rocky outcrops and slopes. It can be found from sea level outcrops to alpine tundra. (Pojar 1994)

**Habitat preferences:** Rocky slopes, cliffs, ledges, gravelly ridges. Alpine tundra and sea level outcrops. (Pojar 1994)

**Plant strategy type/successional stage:** Pioneer species (Plants of Western Washington Collection)

**Associated species:** Not specified.

**May be collected as:** Seed and cuttings.

**Collection restrictions or guidelines:** Not specified

**Seed germination:** Germination occurs at 12 C, seeds are non dormant

**Seed life:** Not specified.

**Recommended seed storage conditions:** Not specified.

**Propagation recommendations:** Collect seeds in the fall. Germinate seeds at 12 C and grow in greenhouse. Plant when it reaches 1 gallon size.

**Soil or medium requirements:** Not specified.

**Installation form:** Best if installed as a whole plant. Seeds and cuttings can be killed by late spring freezes.

**Recommended planting density:** Not specified.

**Care requirements after installed:** Not specified.

**Normal rate of growth or spread:** Slow growth

**Sources cited:**

Pojar, J., MacKinnon, A. (1994). *Plants of the Pacific Northwest Coast*. Lone Pine Publishing Vancouver British Columbia.

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