

## Subalpine Lupine

*Lupinus arcticus*



### Plant and Leaves:

- Hairy stems are 6-16 inches (15-40 cm) tall and usually unbranched
- The long, stalked, compound leaves bear 5-7 slightly hairy oblanceolate leaflets, 0.6 -1.4 inches (1.5-3.5 cm) long

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## Budding:

- Small purple buds
- Early stages have hairy sepal lining the back of the bud



## Flowering:

- The flowers are blue to blue-violet and occasionally have white centers
- Each inflorescence has multiple rows (1-6) of 5 flowers encircling the stem



## Ripening Fruit:

- Green pods that look like beans replace the flowers
- They are fuzzy and develop to brown pods ~ 1 inch (3cm) long



## Releasing Seed:

- Once brown, the pods split open, and each half curls back onto itself

**\*\*NOTE\*\*** It is common for individual *Lupine* stalks to have multiple phenophases – make careful observations & be sure to consider which phenophases are present and absent.