

***Heuchera cylindrica***

**Family:** Saxifragaceae

**Common Names:** round leaf alumroot, lava alumroot

Alumroot is a native perennial that grows in a clump of green round shaped basal leaves. It prefers well drained soils and does well in full sun to part shade and on rocky ground. The leaves of this plant stay green all year round.



Alumroot has dark green palmate basal leaves with long flower stalks that can reach up to 3 feet tall with dense spikes of cream colored to greenish yellow flowers that bloom from mid spring to late summer. Short straight hairs usually cover the stems of the plant. Alumroot is found on rocky slopes, cliffs and dry areas from mid to high elevations.

**Use in the landscape:** This plant is great in a rocky setting or in the perennial garden. It has a long flowering season and looks great after flowering with the dark green leaves. Hummingbirds, bees and butterflies love this plant.



**Propagation:** Alumroot seed needs some cold stratification and light to germinate and can be transplanted. The seed is very small. The plant can also be divided by separating the thick rhizomes.

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