

purple bare ground is an evergreenlike plant that forms excellent protection for *Clethrionomys* and *Sorex tundrensis*.  
 Photo 510903-54 of general view from flat marsh to high ridge. Typical marsh begins where alluvial slope ends. It is interesting to note that the cottongrass continues to retain bloom on the island while it is absent from the mainland. This situation also exists at Chandler Lake where the grass at water edge and in slightly inundated areas retain the white inflorescence. Photo 510903-55 of valley view from camp looking south. This valley has been carved by Colville River, forming conspicuous bluffs on both north and south side of valley. Grasses beyond alder trees or bushes considered marsh association, particularly where supplied with wet or damp channels or influenced by the numerous lakes that dot the area. Watched an American rough-legged hawk hunting on both side hill and over marsh. Rained occasionally late this P.M.

1 1/2 mi. W and 3/4 mi N Umiat, 69° 22' 18", 152° 08' 10", 370 ft., Alaska  
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Generalized distribution of plant-animal communities in area trapped. Grade or slope has an important influence on community.

