**Onagraceae**

*Circaea alpina* L.

Cial

dwarf enchanter's nightshade, alpine circaea

**FORM:** Slender, perennial forb, 10-50cm (4-20in) tall, rhizomatous or arising from tuberous rhizome.

**LEAVES:** Opposite, leaf pairs alternating at right angles to each other, thin, pale green, cordate-ovate, 2-6cm (1-2in) long, margins entire to sharply toothed, petioles with narrow wings.

**FLOWERS:** Small, white, 2-merous, 1mm long, petals deeply 2-lobed (1), in short terminal and axillary racemes; May-July.

**FRUIT:** Interesting capsule, 2mm long, covered with soft, hooked hairs (2).

**HABITAT:** Growing in seasonally wet to moist soil.