



Plate 75.—Classification: SYSTEM Palustrine, CLASS Scrub-Shrub Wetland, SUBCLASS Broad-leaved Deciduous, DOMINANCE TYPE *Betula nana*, WATER REGIME Saturated, WATER CHEMISTRY Fresh, SOIL Mineral. Subordinate plants include cotton grass (*Eriophorum vaginatum*), peat moss (*Sphagnum* spp.), cloudberry (*Rubus chamaemorus*), mountain cranberry (*Vaccinium vitis-idaea*), and narrowleaf Labrador tea (*Ledum decumbens*). Shrubs here are less than 20 cm (8 in) tall. This area of moist tundra is underlain by permafrost at a depth of 45 cm (18 in). (Vicinity of Toolik Lake, North Slope Borough, Alaska; July 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)