



**Plate 81.**—Classification: SYSTEM Palustrine, CLASS Scrub–Shrub Wetland, SUBCLASS Needle-leaved Evergreen, DOMINANCE TYPE *Picea mariana*, WATER REGIME Saturated, WATER CHEMISTRY Fresh. Subordinate plants include: dwarf birch (*Betula nana*), cotton grass (*Eriophorum vaginatum*), bog blueberry (*Vaccinium uliginosum*), Labrador tea (*Ledum groenlandicum*), and peat moss (*Sphagnum* spp.). This wetland type, commonly known as “muskeg,” is abundant in the forested regions of Alaska; it also occurs in northern New England and in the Great Lakes States. (Vicinity of Coldfoot, Alaska; July 1985; Photo by F. C. Golet)