

Rosenbuschite

(Ca, Na)₃(Zr, Ti)Si₂O₇(O, F)₂

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Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. Crystals prismatic to acicular || [010], to 5 mm; radial fibrous, feltlike, massive.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {100}, poor on { $\bar{1}20$ }, {010}. *Fracture:* Uneven. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 5–6 VHN = 568–708 D(meas.) = 3.30–3.315 D(calc.) = [3.38]

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Orange, yellow-orange, gray.

Streak: White. *Luster:* Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* Weak, in shades of yellow. *Orientation:* X = c; Z \perp (001) = 28.5°. *Absorption:* Weak; Z > Y > X. $\alpha = 1.678$ $\beta = 1.687$ $\gamma = 1.705$ 2V(meas.) = 78°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. a = 10.12(5) b = 11.39(5) c = 7.27(3) $\alpha = 91^\circ 20(30)'$ $\beta = 99^\circ 40(30)'$ $\gamma = 111^\circ 50(30)'$ Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Langesundsfjord, Norway.

2.94 (100), 3.06 (80), 1.89 (60), 3.96 (40), 2.63 (40), 2.48 (40), 1.82 (40)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	31.36
TiO ₂	6.85
ZrO ₂	20.10
Ca ₂ O ₃	0.33
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.00
MnO	1.39
CaO	24.87
Na ₂ O	9.93
F	5.83
–O = F ₂	2.45
Total	99.21

(1) Langesundsfjord, Norway; corresponds to (Ca_{1.71}Na_{1.23}Mn_{0.08}RE_{0.01}) $_{\Sigma=3.03}$ (Zr_{0.63}Ti_{0.33}Fe_{0.05}³⁺) $_{\Sigma=1.01}$ Si_{2.01}O₈F_{1.18}.

Occurrence: In some nepheline syenites and related pegmatites.

Association: Aegirine, natrolite, sodalite, zircon, l avenite, rinkite, eudialyte, leucophanite (Langesundsfjord, Norway).

Distribution: From Lille Ar  Island and Skudesundskjaer, near Brevik, Langesundsfjord, and Bratthagen, north of Larvik, Norway. In the Norra K arr complex, near Gr anna, Sweden. From the Los Islands, Guinea. In the USA, from Red Hill, Moultonborough, Carroll Co., New Hampshire. At Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec, Canada. In Russia, from the Lovozero and Khibiny massifs, Kola Peninsula, and at Zaangar'ya, Yenisei Ridge, Siberia. In the Il maussaq intrusion, southern Greenland.

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