

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State Hosted by the University of Washington Herbarium

Family: Blechnaceae

2 terminal taxa (species, subspecies, and varieties).

The Washington Flora Checklist aims to be a complete list of the native and naturalized vascular plants of Washington State, with current classifications, nomenclature and synonymy.

Taxa included in the checklist:

- Native taxa whether extant, extirpated, or extinct.
- Exotic taxa that are naturalized, escaped from cultivation, or persisting wild.
- Waifs (e.g., ballast plants, escaped crop plants) and other scarcely collected exotics.
- Interspecific hybrids that are frequent or self-maintaining.
- Some unnamed taxa in the process of being described.

Family classifications follow [APG IV](#) for angiosperms, PPG I (J. Syst. Evol. 54:563-603. 2016.) for pteridophytes, and Christenhusz et al. (Phytotaxa 19:55-70. 2011.) for gymnosperms, with a few exceptions. Nomenclature and synonymy at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.

Accepted names are indicated with **blue type**, synonyms with **gray type**.

Native species and infraspecies are marked with **bold-face type**.

*Non-native and introduced taxa are preceded by an asterisk.

Please note: This is a working checklist, continuously updated. Use it at your discretion.

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Ferns and Lycophytes:

Blechnaceae [FNA2, HC2] Chain Fern Family, Deer Fern Family

Struthiopteris [HC2]

hard fern

Struthiopteris spicant (L.) Weiss [Abrams, HC2]

Pl. Crypt. Fl. Gott. 287. 1770.

deer fern

Blechnum spicant (L.) Sm. [FNA2, HC]

Blechnum spicant (L.) Sm. ssp. *nipponicum* (Kunze) A. Löve & D. Löve

Woodwardia [FNA2, HC, HC2]

chain-fern

Woodwardia fimbriata Sm. [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Cycl. 38(76). 1818.

giant chain fern

Woodwardia chamissoi Brack. [Abrams]