

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Adoxaceae

10 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synonymy at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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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Dicots:

Adoxaceae [HC, HC2] Muskroot Family

Sambucus [HC, HC2]

elder, elderberry

Sambucus cerulea Raf. [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Alsogr. Amer. 48. 1838.

blue elderberry

Sambucus caerulea Raf., orthographic variant

Sambucus caerulea Raf. var. *neomexicana* (Wooton) Rehder, orthographic variant

Sambucus caerulea Raf. var. *cerulea*

Sambucus glauca Nutt.

Sambucus mexicana C. Presl ex DC. [JPM]

Sambucus mexicana C. Presl ex DC. ssp. *caerulea* (Raf.) E. Murray, orthographic variant

Sambucus mexicana C. Presl ex DC. var. *caerulea* (Raf.) E. Murray, orthographic variant

Sambucus neomexicana Wooton

Sambucus neomexicana Wooton var. *vestita* (Wooton & Standl.) Kearney & Peebles

Sambucus nigra L. ssp. *caerulea* (Raf.) R. Bolli [JPM2], orthographic variant

****Sambucus nigra*** L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 269 (-270). 1753.

black elderberry

*ssp. *nigra* [HC2]

Sambucus racemosa L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 270. 1753.

red elderberry

var. *arborescens* (Torr. & A. Gray) A. Gray [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Syn. Fl. N. Amer. 1(2): 8. 1884.

coast red elderberry

Sambucus pubens Michx. var. *arborescens* Torr. & A. Gray

Sambucus racemosa L. var. *racemosa* [JPM2], misapplied

var. *melanocarpa* (A. Gray) McMinn [HC, HC2]

Man. Calif. Shrubs 529. 1939.

black elderberry

Sambucus melanocarpa A. Gray

Viburnum [HC, HC2]

viburnum

Viburnum edule (Michx.) Raf. [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Med. Repos., ser. 2, 5: 254. 1808.

squashberry

Viburnum opulus L. var. *edule* Michx.

Viburnum pauciflorum Bach. Pyl. ex Torr. & A. Gray

Viburnum ellipticum Hook. [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Flora Boreali-Americana 1: 280. 1833.

western blackhaw, oval-leaved viburnum

Viburnum ellipticum Hook. var. *macrocarpum* Suksd.

****Viburnum lantana*** L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

wayfaring-tree

***Viburnum opulus* L. [HC, HC2]**

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

cranberry-bush, high-bush cranberry

var. *americanum* Aiton [HC, HC2]

Hort. Kew. 1: 280. 1789.

American cranberry-bush, American high-bush cranberry

Viburnum opulus L. ssp. *trilobum* (Marshall) R.T. Clausen

Viburnum trilobum Marshall

***var. *opulus* [HC2, Stace 1997]**

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

European cranberry-bush, European high-bush cranberry

****Viburnum tinus* L. [HC2]**

Sp. Pl. [Linnaeus] 1: 267. 1753.

laurustinus