

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Araliaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Araliaceae [HC, HC2] Ginseng Family

Aralia [HC, HC2]

spikenard

Aralia nudicaulis L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 274. 1753.

wild sarsaparilla

Aralia nudicaulis L. var. *elongata* Nash

Aralia nudicaulis L. var. *prolifera* Apgar

**Hedera* [HC, HC2]

ivy

**Hedera colchica* (K. Koch) K. Koch [HC2]

**Hedera helix* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 202. 1753.

common ivy

(see also *Hedera hibernica*)

Hedera helix L. ssp. *helix* [Stace 1997]

The classification of *Hedera* is disputed, here we follow the taxonomy of Stace (1997). A weed in western Washington, but not as abundant as subsp. *hibernica* (Murai 1999; Jacobson 2001).

**Hedera hibernica* (G. Kirchn.) Bean [HC2]

Bon Jard. 1835: 731. 1835.

Atlantic ivy

Hedera helix L. ssp. *hibernica* (G. Kirchn.) D.C. McClint. [Stace 1997]

The taxonomy of *Hedera* is disputed, here we follow the taxonomy of Stace (1997). The subspecies are distinguished by the aspect and color of their stellate hairs, and to a lesser degree by the leaf lobing of sterile shoots. An abundant weed in western Washington (Murai 1999; Jacobson 2001). In the horticultural trade generally called CV \Hiber

Hydrocotyle [HC, HC2]

marsh-pennywort, water-pennywort

Hydrocotyle ranunculoides L. f. [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Suppl. Pl. 177. [1782]. 1781.

floating marsh-pennywort

Hydrocotyle cymbalarifolia Muhl.

Formerly placed in Apiaceae.

Oplopanax [HC, HC2]

Oplopanax horridum (Sm.) Miq. [HC2]

Ann. Mus. Bot. Lugduno-Batavum 1: 16. 1863.

devil's-club

Echinopanax horridum (Sm.) Dcne. & Planch

Echinopanax horridum (Sm.) Decne. & Planch. ex Harms [KZ99]

Fatsia horridum (Sm.) Benth & Hook. f. ex Brewer & S. Watson

Oplopanax horridum (Sm.) Miq. [HC]

Panax horridum (Sm.)

Ricinophyllum horridum Nelson & Macbr.