

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Athyriaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Athyriaceae [HC2] Lady Fern Family

Athyrium [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Tent. Fl. Germ. 3(1,1): 31, 58. 1799.

lady-fern

Athyrium distentifolium Tausch ex Opiz [HC, HC2]

Kratos 2(1): 14. 1820.

alpine lady-fern

Athyrium alpestre (Hoppe) Clairville [FNA2]

ssp. americanum (Butters) Hultén [HC2]

Bot. Not. 126(4): 462. 1973.

American alpine lady-fern

Athyrium alpestre (Hoppe) Clairville var. *americanum* Butters [FNA2]

Athyrium americanum (Butters) Maxon [KZ99, Peck]

Athyrium distentifolium Tausch ex Opiz var. *americanum* (Butters) Cronquist [VPPNW1, HC]

Athyrium filix-femina (L.) Roth ex Mertens [Abrams, FNA2, HC, HC2, Peck]

Arch. Bot. (Leipzig). 2(1): 106. 1799.

lady-fern

ssp. cyclosorum (Rupr.) C. Chr. [HC2, ILBC5, KZ99]

Fl. Aleutian Isl. 50 1937.

lady fern, northwestern lady fern

Athyrium alpestre (Hoppe) Clairville ex T. Moore var. *cyclosorum* (Rupr.) T. Moore

Athyrium filix-femina (L.) Roth ex Mertens var. *cyclosorum* Rupr. [FNA2]

FNA2: "*Athyrium filix-femina* var. *cyclosorum* is most similar to the European var. *filix-femina* ; it differs in having broader, nearly equilateral pinnules and medial to supramedial sori. The variety is distributed in northwestern North America with disjunct populations in northwestern Quebec and Ontario."