

# Washington Flora Checklist

## A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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