

# Washington Flora Checklist

## A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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#### Family: Cucurbitaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

### Cucurbitaceae [HC, HC2] Cucumber Family

#### \**Bryonia* [HC2]

bryony

#### \**Bryonia alba* L. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Sp. Pl. 2: 1012. 1753.

white bryony

Not in H&C; listed as noxious by state of WA. Curtis Bjork has confirmed that it is not only present, but is becoming quite a pest: "It's killing *Crataegus* all over the Palouse and has been aggressively spreading for decades. In some places it grows so robustly, it resembles pictures those monster nonnative vines in the SE states, like kudzu and *Lonicera japonica*."

#### \**Citrullus* [HC2]

#### \**Cucurbita* [HC2]

#### *Echinocystis* [HC, HC2]

balsam apple, wild cucumber

#### \**Echinocystis lobata* (Michx.) Torr. & A. Gray [HC, HC2]

Fl. N. Amer. 1(3): 542. 1840.

wild cucumber

#### *Marah* [HC, HC2]

bigroot, manroot

#### *Marah oregana* (Torr. & A. Gray) Howell [HC2]

A Flora of Northwest America 2: 239. 1898.

coastal manroot

*Marah oreganus* (Torr. & A. Gray) Howell [HC], orthographic variant