

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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Family: Dennstaedtiaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

Dennstaedtiaceae [FNA2, HC2] Bracken Fern Family

Pteridium [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Fl. Carniol. 169. 1760.

bracken, brake-fern

Pteridium aquilinum (L.) Kuhn [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Reisen Ost-Afrika. 3(3): 11. 1879.

bracken, bracken fern

ssp. pubescens (Underw.) Piper & Beattie

Fl. N.W. Coast [Piper & Beattie] 4. 1915.

northern bracken, bracken fern

The name *Pteridium aquilinum* subsp. *pubescens* (Underw.) J.A.Thomson, Mickel & Mehltz., [Bot. J. Linn. Soc. 157(1): 14 (2008)] is an isonym.