

# Washington Flora Checklist

## A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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## Family: Euphorbiaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

### Euphorbiaceae [HC, HC2] Spurge Family

#### *Croton* [HC2]

croton

*Eremocarpus* [HC]

#### *Croton setigerus* Hook.

Fl. Bor.-Amer. (Hooker) 2(9): 141. (as *setigerum*) 1838.  
doveweed, turkey mullein, fish poison

*Croton setiger* Hook. [HC2, JPM2], orthographic variant

*Eremocarpus setigerus* (Hook.) Benth. [HC]

#### *Euphorbia* [HC, HC2]

euphorbia, sandmat, spurge

#### \**Euphorbia agraria* M. Bieb. [HC2]

Fl. Taur.-Caucas. 1: 375. 1808.  
urban spurge

#### \**Euphorbia cyparissias* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 461. 1753.  
cypress spurge

#### *Euphorbia glyptosperma* Engelm. [HC, HC2]

Rep. U.S. Mex. Bound. 2(1): 187. 1859.  
rib seed sandmat, corrugate seeded spurge, ridge seeded spurge

*Chamaesyce glyptosperma* (Engelm.) Small [KZ99, JPM]

#### \**Euphorbia helioscopia* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 459. 1753.  
summer spurge, sun spurge, wart spurge, wartweed

#### \**Euphorbia lathyris* L. [HC2, IFBC]

Sp. Pl. 1: 457. 1753.  
mole plant, gopher plant, caper spurge

*Euphorbia lathyrus* L. [HC], orthographic variant

Misspelled *Euphorbia lathyrus* in H&C.

#### \**Euphorbia maculata* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 455. 1753.  
sandmat, milk spurge, spotted spurge

*Chamaesyce maculata* (L.) Small [KZ99]

*Euphorbia supina* Raf. [HC]

#### \**Euphorbia myrsinites* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 461. 1753.  
broad leaved glaucous spurge, myrtle spurge

#### \**Euphorbia oblongata* Griseb. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Spic. Fl. Rumel. 1: 136. 1843.  
balkan spurge, egg-leaf spurge

#### \**Euphorbia peplus* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 456. 1753.  
petty spurge

#### *Euphorbia serpillofolia* Pers. [FNA, HC2]

Syn. Pl. 2: 14. 1806.  
thyme-leaved spurge

*Euphorbia serpyllifolia* Pers. [HC], orthographic variant

**ssp. *serpillofolia* [FNA, HC2]**

*Chamaesyce serpyllifolia* (Pers.) Small ssp. *serpyllifolia* [KZ99, JPM]  
*Euphorbia serpyllifolia* Pers. ssp. *serpyllifolia*, orthographic variant

**\**Euphorbia serrulata* Thuill. [HC2, Stace 1997]**

Fl. Env. Paris (ed. 2) 2: 237. 1799.  
upright spurge

*Euphorbia stricta* L.

***Euphorbia spathulata* Lam. [HC, HC2]**

Encycl. 2(2): 428. 1788.

reticulate seeded spurge, spatulate leaved spurge, warty spurge

**\**Euphorbia virgata* Waldst. & Kit. [FNA, HC2]**

Descr. Icon. Pl. Hung. 2: 176?177, pl. 162. 1804.  
wolf's milk, leafy spurge

*Euphorbia esula* L. [HC], misapplied

Draft FNA: "Euphorbia virgata is native to Europe and temperate Asia. The species is here treated as the widespread, weedy, "leafy spurge"• that is a pest plant across much of the northern flora area. Euphorbia virgata is similarly widespread and weedy across much of its native range in Europe and Asia, whereas the true *E. esula* is much more restricted in range and is never as pervasive and weedy as *E. virgata* in either its native range or in the flora area."

**\**Mercurialis* [HC2]**