

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Myricaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

Myricaceae [FNA3, HC, HC2] Bayberry Family

Morella [HC2]

bayberry, wax myrtle

Morella californica (Cham.) Wilbur [HC2, JPM2]

Sida 16(1): 102. 1994.

Pacific bayberry, Pacific wax-myrtle

Gale californica (Cham.) Greene

Myrica californica Cham. [FNA3, HC]

FNA3: "On any one branchlet, staminate inflorescences are borne proximal to bisexual inflorescences; the most distal inflorescences may be completely pistillate. It is quite common for two or three pistillate or bisexual flowers to occur per bract and for the ovaries to fuse to form a syncarp. In the fruiting condition this can usually be detected by counting the number of style branches (two per ovary, therefore four for a syncarp derived from two fused ovaries). Many specimens apparently do not produce any wax, in which case the fruits appear purple-black rather than white."

Myrica [FNA3, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 1024. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 449, 1754.

sweet gale

(see also *Morella*)

Myrica gale L. [FNA3, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 1024. 1753.

sweetgale

Gale palustris (Lam.) A. Chevalier

Myrica gale L. var. *subglabra* (A. Chevalier) Fernald

Myrica gale L. var. *tomentosa* C. DC.

Myrica palustris Lam.