

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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Family: Paeoniaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

Paeoniaceae [FNA8, HC, HC2] Peony Family

FNA8: "Paeonia was long included in Ranunculaceae or was associated with Dilleniaceae. Angiosperm Phylogeny Group (2003) placed Paeoniaceae in Saxifragales."

***Paeonia* [FNA8, HC, HC2]**

Sp. Pl. 1: 530. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 235. 1754.
peony

***Paeonia brownii* Douglas ex Hook. [FNA8, HC, HC2]**

Fl. Bor.-Amer. 1: 27. 1829.
brown's peony, western peony

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