

# Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest  
Hosted by the University of Washington Herbarium

## Family: Adoxaceae

16 terminal taxa (species, subspecies, and varieties).

The Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist aims to be a complete list of the native and naturalized vascular plants of the Pacific Northwest, 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synonymy at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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:

## Adoxaceae [HC, HC2] Muskroot Family

### *Adoxa* [HC, HC2]

hollow-root, moschatel, musk-root

#### *Adoxa moschatellina* L. [HC, HC2]

### *Sambucus* [HC, HC2]

elder, elderberry

#### *Sambucus cerulea* Raf. [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Alsogr. Amer. 48. 1838.

blue elderberry

*Sambucus caerulea* Raf., orthographic variant

*Sambucus caerulea* Raf. var. *neomexicana* (Wooton) Rehder, orthographic variant

*Sambucus caerulea* Raf. var. *cerulea*

*Sambucus glauca* Nutt.

*Sambucus mexicana* C. Presl ex DC. [JPM]

*Sambucus mexicana* C. Presl ex DC. ssp. *caerulea* (Raf.) E. Murray, orthographic variant

*Sambucus mexicana* C. Presl ex DC. var. *caerulea* (Raf.) E. Murray, orthographic variant

*Sambucus neomexicana* Wooton

*Sambucus neomexicana* Wooton var. *vestita* (Wooton & Standl.) Kearney & Peebles

*Sambucus nigra* L. ssp. *caerulea* (Raf.) R. Bolli [JPM2], orthographic variant

#### *Sambucus nigra* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 269 (-270). 1753.

black elderberry

#### ssp. *canadensis* (L.) R. Bolli [HC2]

#### ssp. *nigra* [HC2]

#### *Sambucus racemosa* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 270. 1753.

red elderberry

#### var. *arborescens* (Torr. & A. Gray) A. Gray [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Syn. Fl. N. Amer. 1(2): 8. 1884.

coast red elderberry

*Sambucus pubens* Michx. var. *arborescens* Torr. & A. Gray

*Sambucus racemosa* L. var. *racemosa* [JPM2], misapplied

#### var. *leucocarpa* (Torr. & A. Gray) Cronquist [HC2]

eastern red elder

*Sambucus pubens* Michx.

*Sambucus racemosa* L. ssp. *pubens* (Michx.) House

*Sambucus racemosa* L. var. *pubens* (Michx.) Koehne

#### var. *melanocarpa* (A. Gray) McMinn [HC, HC2]

Man. Calif. Shrubs 529. 1939.

black elderberry

*Sambucus melanocarpa* A. Gray

#### var. *microbotrys* (Rydb.) Kearney & Peebles [HC, HC2]

mountain red elder

### *Viburnum* [HC, HC2]

viburnum

***Viburnum edule*** (Michx.) Raf. [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Med. Repos., ser. 2, 5: 254. 1808.

squashberry

*Viburnum opulus* L. var. *edule* Michx.

*Viburnum pauciflorum* Bach. Pyl. ex Torr. & A. Gray

***Viburnum ellipticum*** Hook. [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Flora Boreali-Americana 1: 280. 1833.

western blackhaw, oval-leaved viburnum

*Viburnum ellipticum* Hook. var. *macrocarpum* Suksd.

\****Viburnum lantana*** L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

wayfaring-tree

***Viburnum opulus*** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

cranberry-bush, high-bush cranberry

**var. *americanum*** Aiton [HC, HC2]

Hort. Kew. 1: 280. 1789.

American cranberry-bush, American high-bush cranberry

*Viburnum opulus* L. ssp. *trilobum* (Marshall) R.T. Clausen

*Viburnum trilobum* Marshall

\***var. *opulus*** [HC2, Stace 1997]

Sp. Pl. 1: 268. 1753.

European cranberry-bush, European high-bush cranberry

\****Viburnum plicatum*** Thunb. [HC2]

\****Viburnum rhytidophyllum*** Hemsl. [HC2]

\****Viburnum tinus*** L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. [Linnaeus] 1: 267. 1753.

laurustinus