

Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

Family: Cabombaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Cabombaceae [FNA3, HC2] Watershield Family

H&C includes *Brasenia* in Nymphaeaceae

Brasenia [FNA3, HC, HC2]

Gen. Pl. 1: 372. 1789 - Water-shield [for Christoph Brasen., 1738.
water-shield, water-target

Brasenia schreberi J.F. Gmel. [FNA3, HC, HC2]

Syst. Nat. 1: 853. 1791.
watershield

****Cabomba*** [FNA3, HC2]

Hist. Pl. Guiane. 321. 1775.

****Cabomba caroliniana*** A. Gray [FNA3, HC2]

Ann. Lyceum Nat. Hist. New York. 4: 47. 1837.
fanwort

Cabomba caroliniana A. Gray var. *caroliniana* [KZ99]

Cabomba caroliniana A. Gray var. *pulcherrima* R.M. Harper