

# Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest  
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## Family: Cupressaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

## Cupressaceae [FNA2, HC, HC2] Cypress Family

### *Callitropsis* [HC2]

cedar, cypress

#### *Callitropsis nootkatensis* (D. Don) Oerst. [HC2]

Frilands-Traevaext. 1: 17. 1864.

Alaskan yellow cedar, Nootka yellow cedar, Sitka yellow cedar

*Chamaecyparis nootkatensis* (D. Don) Spach [FNA2, HC]

*Cupressus nootkatensis* D. Don [JPM]

### *Calocedrus* [FNA2, HC, HC2]

J. Bot. 11: 196. 1873.

incense-cedar

#### *Calocedrus decurrens* (Torr.) Florin [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Taxon. 5: 192. 1956.

### *Juniperus* [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 1038. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 461, 1754.

juniper

#### \**Juniperus chinensis* L. [HC2]

Mant. Pl. 127. 1767.

All specimens for this species are from near gardens, in parks, or abandoned residential areas. It is not documented to be established in the flora.

#### *Juniperus communis* L. [FNA2, HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Sp. Pl. 2: 1040. 1753.

common juniper, mountain juniper

#### var. *depressa* Pursh [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Fl. Amer. Sept. 2: 646. 1814.

common juniper, dwarf juniper, ground juniper, prostrate juniper

*Juniperus communis* L. ssp. *depressa* (Pursh) Franco [KZ99]

FNA2: "larger individuals of this var. (to 10 m.) have been misidentified as var. *communis*."

#### var. *jackii* Rehder [HC, HC2]

Mitt. Deutsch. Dendrol. Ges. 1907: 70. 1907.

Jack's common juniper, Jack's mat juniper

*Juniperus communis* L. ssp. *jackii* Rehder

Collected near Silver Star Mountain in Skamania County in 2020.

#### var. *kellejii* R.P. Adams [HC2]

Phytologia 95(3): 210, figs. 2-3. 2013.

Kelley's common juniper, Kelley's mat juniper

*Juniperus communis* L. var. *montana* Aiton [FNA2, HC], misapplied

var. *saxatilis* is restricted to Old World; New World plants are not sister.

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#### *Juniperus ×fassetii* B. Boivin [HC2]

#### *Juniperus horizontalis* Moench [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Methodus. 699. 1794.

creeping juniper

***Juniperus occidentalis* Hook. [FNA2, HC, HC2]**

Fl. Bor.-Amer. 2: 166. 1838.

western juniper

*Juniperus occidentalis* Hook. ssp. *occidentalis* [JPM]

*Juniperus occidentalis* Hook. var. *occidentalis* [FNA2]

***Juniperus osteosperma* (Torr.) Little [FNA2, HC, HC2]**

Leafl. W. Bot. 5: 125. 1948.

Utah juniper

*Juniperus occidentalis* Hook. var. *osteosperma* (Torr.) Little [HC]

**\**Juniperus rigida* Siebold & Zucc. [HC2]**

Traité Gén. Conif., ed. 2. 692. 1867.

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**\*var. *conferta* (Parl.) Patschke [HC2]**

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**\*var. *rigida* [HC2]**

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***Juniperus scopulorum* Sarg. [FNA2, HC, HC2]**

Gard. & Forest. 10: 420, fig. 54. 1897.

Rocky Mountain juniper, seaside juniper, Rocky Mountain redcedar

*Juniperus maritima* R.P. Adams

*Juniperus scopulorum* Sarg. ssp. *patens*

*Juniperus virginiana* L. ssp. *montana* Vasey [IMF1]

*Juniperus virginiana* L. ssp. *scopulorum* (Sarg.) A.E. Murray [IMF1]

Here we choose to not recognize *J. maritima* due to the inability of existing keys to reliably distinguish specimens from coastal areas versus montane ones.

**\**Juniperus virginiana* L. [FNA2, HC2]**

Sp. Pl. 2: 1039. 1753.

eastern red cedar, Virginia juniper

**\*var. *virginiana* [FNA2, HC2]**

***Thuja* [FNA2, HC, HC2]**

Sp. Pl. 2: 1002. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 435, 1754.

arborvitae, cedar

***Thuja plicata* Donn ex D. Don [FNA2, HC, HC2]**

Descr. Pinus. 2: [19]. 1824.

canoe cedar, western red cedar