

Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

Family: Elaeagnaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Elaeagnaceae [HC, HC2] Oleaster Family

Elaeagnus [HC, HC2]

elaeanus

**Elaeagnus angustifolia* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 121. 1753.

Russian-olive

Elaeagnus commutata Bernh. ex Rydb. [HC, HC2]

Flora of the Rocky Mountains 582. 1917.

American silver-berry, wolfberry

Elaeagnus argentea Pursh, homonym (illegitimate)

**Elaeagnus umbellata* Thunb. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Syst. Veg., ed. 14 (J. A. Murray). 164. [May-Jun 1784]. 1784.

autumn olive

Shepherdia [HC, HC2]

buffalo-berry

Shepherdia argentea (Pursh) Nutt. [HC, HC2]

thorny buffalo-berry

Shepherdia canadensis (L.) Nutt. [HC, HC2]

Gen. N. Amer. Pl. 2: 240. 1818.

russet buffalo-berry, soapberry, soopolallie

Elaeagnus canadensis (L.) A. Nelson