

Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

Family: Elatinaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Elatinaceae [HC, HC2] Waterwort Family

Bergia [HC, HC2]

bergia

Bergia texana (Hook.) Seub. ex Walp. [HC, HC2]

Repertorium Botanices Systematicae. 1: 285. 1842.

Texas bergia

Elatine brachysperma A. Gray; shortseed waterwort, or short-fruited waterwort, has been reported from WA by Abrams and KZ99, but no specimens have been found

Elatine [HC, HC2]

mud-purslane, waterwort

Elatine brachysperma A. Gray [HC, HC2]

short-seeded waterwort

Elatine californica A. Gray [HC, HC2]

Proc. Amer. Acad. Arts 13: 361, 364. 1878.

California waterwort

Elatine williamsii Rydb.

Elatine chilensis Gay [HC2, JPM]

Chilena 1: 286. [1846]. 1845.

Chilean waterwort

Elatine americana (Pursh) Arn. [Abrams, Peck, HC], misapplied

Elatine triandra Schkuhr [Abrams, Peck, HC], misapplied

Elatine rubella Rydb. [HC2]

southwestern waterwort