

Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

Family: Rhamnaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

Rhamnaceae [HC, HC2] Buckthorn Family

Ceanothus [HC, HC2]

buckbrush, buckthorn, ceanothus, wild-lilac

Ceanothus cuneatus (Hook.) Nutt. [HC, HC2]

Fl. N. Amer. (Torr. & A. Gray) 1(2): 267. 1838.

common buckbrush, narrow-leaf buckthorn, sedge-leaf buckthorn

var. cuneatus [HC2]

common buckbrush, sedge-leaf buckthorn

Ceanothus integerrimus Hook. & Arn. [HC, HC2]

Bot. Beechey Voy. 329. 1838.

deerbrush

Ceanothus andersonii Parry

Ceanothus californicus Kellogg

**Ceanothus parryi* Trel. [HC2]

Parry's ceanothus

Ceanothus prostratus Benth. [HC, HC2]

Pl. Hartw. 302 [1849]. 1848.

prostrate ceanothus, Mahala mat

var. prostratus [HC2]

Ceanothus sanguineus Pursh [HC, HC2]

Fl. Bor.-Amer. 1(3): 125, pl. 45 [1813]. 1814.

redstem ceanothus, Oregon teatree

Ceanothus thyrsiflorus Eschsch. [HC2]

blue blossom

var. thyrsiflorus [Jepson, HC2]

Ceanothus velutinus Douglas [HC, HC2]

Fl. Bor.-Amer. (Hooker) 1(3): 125 (t. 45). 1831.

mountain balm, greasewood, sticky-laurel, tobacco-brush

var. laevigatus Torr. & A. Gray [HC, HC2]

Fl. N. Amer. 1(4): 686 1840.

mountain balm, greasewood, sticky-laurel

Ceanothus velutinus Douglas var. *hookeri* M.C. Johnst.

var. velutinus [HC, HC2]

Fl. Bor.-Amer. 1(3): 125, pl. 45. 1831.

mountain balm, greasewood

**Ceanothus vestitus* Greene [HC2]

Frangula [HC2]

coffee berry

Frangula purshiana (DC.) A. Gray ex J.G. Cooper [HC2, JPM2]

Pacif. Railr. Rep. 12(2): 57. 1860.

buckthorn, false buckthorn, cascara

Rhamnus purshiana DC. [HC]

ssp. purshiana [FNA]

Pacif. Railr. Rep. 12(2): 57. 1860.
buckthorn, cascara

***Frangula rubra* (Greene) Grubov [HC2]**
Sierra coffee berry

***Rhamnus* [HC, HC2]**

buckthorn, cascara
(see also *Frangula*)

***Rhamnus alnifolia* L'Hér. [HC, HC2, JPM2]**

Sert. Angl. 5. 1788.
alder-leaf buckthorn

****Rhamnus cathartica* L. [HC2]**

Sp. Pl. 1: 193. 1753.
common buckthorn