

Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

Family: **Woodsiaceae**

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Woodsiaceae [HC2] Cliff Fern Family

Woodsia [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Prodr. 158. 1810.
cliff-fern, woodsia

Woodsia ilvensis (L.) R. Br. [FNA2, HC2]

Trans. Linn. Soc. London, Bot. 11: 173. 1813.
rusty cliff-fern

Woodsia oregana D.C. Eaton [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Canad. Naturalist & Quart. J. Sci. n. s. 2: 90. 1865.
Oregon cliff-fern, Oregon woodsia

ssp. *cathcartiana* (B.L. Rob.) Windham [FNA2, HC2]

Contr. Univ. Michigan Herb. 19: 58. 1993.

ssp. *oregana* [FNA2, HC2]

Canad. Naturalist & Quart. J. Sci. n. s. 2: 90. 1865.
Oregon cliff-fern, western cliff-fern

FNA2: "The variability and promiscuity of *Woodsia oregana* have been major sources of taxonomic difficulties in *Woodsia*, and more work will be necessary before relationships in this complex are fully resolved. As defined here, *W. oregana* comprises two subspecies that are chromosomally and biochemically distinct. In addition, the two taxa are nearly allopatric, with the diploid (subsp. *oregana*) confined to the Pacific Northwest and the tetraploid (subsp. *cathcartiana*) extending from the southwestern United States to eastern Canada."

Woodsia scopulina D.C. Eaton [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Canad. Naturalist & Quart. J. Sci. 2: 91. 1865.
cliff-fern, woodsia

ssp. *laurentiana* Windham [FNA2, HC2]

Contr. Univ. Michigan Herb. 19: 59. 1993.
Laurentian cliff fern

ssp. *scopulina* [FNA2, HC2]

Naturalist & Quart. J. Sci. 2: 91. 1865.
Rocky Mountain cliff fern, mountain fern