

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State Hosted by the University of Washington Herbarium

Family: Cupressaceae

7 terminal taxa (species, subspecies, and varieties).

The Washington Flora Checklist aims to be a complete list of the native and naturalized vascular plants of Washington State, 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synonymy at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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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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]

Juniperus [FNA2, HC, HC2]

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

juniper

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.

Juniperus communis L. var. *saxatilis* Pall., misapplied

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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 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.

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