

# Washington Flora Checklist

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

### Family: Dennstaedtiaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

## Dennstaedtiaceae [FNA2, HC2] Bracken Fern Family

### *Pteridium* [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Fl. Carniol. 169. 1760.

bracken, brake-fern

### *Pteridium pubescens* (Underw.) Christenh.

Global Fl. 4: 7. 2018.

bracken, northern bracken

*Pteridium aquilinum* (L.) Kuhn ssp. *pubescens* (Underw.) Piper & Beattie

*Pteridium aquilinum* (L.) Kuhn var. *pubescens* Underw. [FNA2, HC, HC2]

Segregated from *Pteridium aquilinum*, which does not occur in our area.