

# Washington Flora Checklist

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

### Family: Euphorbiaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

## Euphorbiaceae [HC, HC2] Spurge Family

### **Croton** [HC2]

croton

*Eremocarpus* [HC]

#### ***Croton setigerus*** Hook.

Fl. Bor.-Amer. (Hooker) 2(9): 141. (as *setigerum*) 1838.  
doveweed, turkey mullein, fish poison

*Croton setiger* Hook. [HC2, JPM2], orthographic variant  
*Eremocarpus setigerus* (Hook.) Benth. [HC]

### **Euphorbia** [HC, HC2]

euphorbia, sandmat, spurge

#### \****Euphorbia agraria*** M. Bieb. [HC2]

Fl. Taur.-Caucas. 1: 375. 1808.  
urban spurge

#### \****Euphorbia cyparissias*** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 461. 1753.  
cypress spurge

#### ***Euphorbia glyptosperma*** Engelm. [HC, HC2]

Rep. U.S. Mex. Bound. 2(1): 187. 1859.  
rib seed sandmat, corrugate seeded spurge, ridge seeded spurge

*Chamaesyce glyptosperma* (Engelm.) Small [KZ99, JPM]

#### \****Euphorbia helioscopia*** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 459. 1753.  
summer spurge, sun spurge, wart spurge, wartweed

#### \****Euphorbia lathyris*** L. [HC2, IFBC]

Sp. Pl. 1: 457. 1753.  
mole plant, gopher plant, caper spurge

*Euphorbia lathyrus* L. [HC], orthographic variant

Misspelled *Euphorbia lathyrus* in H&C.

#### \****Euphorbia maculata*** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 455. 1753.  
sandmat, milk spurge, spotted spurge

*Chamaesyce maculata* (L.) Small [KZ99]

*Euphorbia supina* Raf. [HC]

#### \****Euphorbia myrsinites*** L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 461. 1753.  
broad leaved glaucous spurge, myrtle spurge

#### \****Euphorbia oblongata*** Griseb. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Spic. Fl. Rumel. 1: 136. 1843.  
balkan spurge, egg-leaf spurge

#### \****Euphorbia peplus*** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 456. 1753.  
petty spurge

#### ***Euphorbia serpillifolia*** Pers. [FNA, HC2]

Syn. Pl. 2: 14. 1806.  
thyme-leaved spurge

*Euphorbia serpyllifolia* Pers. [HC], orthographic variant

**ssp. *serpyllifolia*** [FNA, HC2]

*Chamaesyce serpyllifolia* (Pers.) Small ssp. *serpyllifolia* [KZ99, JPM]

*Euphorbia serpyllifolia* Pers. ssp. *serpyllifolia*, orthographic variant

\**Euphorbia serrulata* Thuill. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Fl. Env. Paris (ed. 2) 2: 237. 1799.

upright spurge

*Euphorbia stricta* L.

***Euphorbia spathulata*** Lam. [HC, HC2]

Encycl. 2(2): 428. 1788.

reticulate seeded spurge, spatulate leaved spurge, warty spurge

\**Euphorbia virgata* Waldst. & Kit. [FNA, HC2]

Descr. Icon. Pl. Hung. 2: 176?177, pl. 162. 1804.

wolf's milk, leafy spurge

*Euphorbia esula* L. [HC], misapplied

Draft FNA: "Euphorbia virgata is native to Europe and temperate Asia. The species is here treated as the widespread, weedy, "leafy spurge"• that is a pest plant across much of the northern flora area. Euphorbia virgata is similarly widespread and weedy across much of its native range in Europe and Asia, whereas the true E. esula is much more restricted in range and is never as pervasive and weedy as E. virgata in either its native range or in the flora area."

\**Mercurialis* [HC2]