

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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