

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Thymelaeaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Thymelaeaceae [HC2] Mezereum Family

**Daphne* [HC2]

mezezon, spurge-laurel

**Daphne laureola* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 356. 1753.
spurge-laurel

**Daphne mezereum* L. [FNA6, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 356. 1753.
mezezon, paradise plant

Recently collected (2015) in Pend Oreille County and Pierce County (2017).

**Thymelaea* [HC2]

mezezon, spurge-flax

**Thymelaea passerina* (L.) Coss. & Germ. [HC2]

Cat. Pl. Horti Monsp.: 131. 1813.
mezezon

Passerina annua Wikstr.

On WA Noxious Weed List (2017). Specimen at WS annotated by Richard Old and Mark Fishbein.