

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

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Family: Caprifoliaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Caprifoliaceae [HC, HC2] Honeysuckle Family

Lonicera [HC, HC2]

honeysuckle

**Lonicera xbella* Zabel [HC2]

Gartenflora xxxviii. 525. 1889.

showy fly honeysuckle

(= *L. morrowii* × *L. tatarica*)

Lonicera caerulea L. [HC, VPBC1]

Lonicera caerulea L. var. *cauriana* (Fernald) B. Boivin [KZ99]

Lonicera cauriana Fernald [HC2]

Draft FNA: "*Lonicera caerulea* is treated by some botanists as having several infraspecific taxa in Eurasia. Western North American plants have been treated as var. *cauriana* or as a distinct species, *L. cauriana*, and those from north-central and northeastern North America as subsp. *villosa*, var. *villosa*, or as a distinct species, *L. villosa* (itself sometimes with several varieties). The variation in putative distinguishing characters observed (in a wide selection of specimens from throughout the range of this circumboreal species) does not support recognition of three species or infraspecific taxa.

Horticultural forms of *Lonicera caerulea* are grown for their fruits, which are commonly known as haskaps.

These are becoming increasingly popular, including commercially, especially in Canada."

Lonicera ciliosa (Pursh) Poir. ex DC. [HC, HC2]

Prodr. 4: 333. 1830.

orange honeysuckle

Lonicera conjugialis Kellogg [HC, HC2]

Proceedings of the California Academy of Sciences 2: 67-69, f. 15. 1863.

purple-flower honeysuckle

**Lonicera etrusca* Santi [HC, HC2]

Viaggio al Montamiata...Pisa 113, pl. 1. 1795.

Etruscan honeysuckle

Lonicera hispidula (Lindl.) Douglas ex Torr. & A. Gray [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Fl. N. Amer. 2(1): 8. 1841.

hairy honeysuckle, pink honeysuckle

Lonicera hispidula (Lindl.) Dougl. ex Torr. & Gray var. *californica* Jeps. [JPM]

Lonicera involucrata (Richardson) Banks ex Spreng. [HC, HC2, VPBC1]

Syst. Veg., ed. 16 [Sprengel] 1: 759. 1824.

bearberry honeysuckle, black twin-berry

Distegia involucrata (Richardson) Cockerell

Xylosteon involucratum Richardson

var. *involucrata* [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Syst. Veg. 1: 759. 1825.

bearberry honeysuckle, black twin-berry

Lonicera involucrata (Richardson) Banks ex Spreng. var. *flavescens* (Dippel) Rehder

**Lonicera japonica* Thunb. [HC2, JPM2]

Systema Vegetabilium. 1784.

Japanese honeysuckle

**Lonicera periclymenum* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 173. 1753.

woodbine

**Lonicera pileata* Oliv. [HC2]

Hooker's Icon. Pl. 16: t. 1585. 1887.
privet honeysuckle

**Lonicera tatarica* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 173-174. 1753.
Tartarian honeysuckle

Reported by Curtis Bjork as becoming common in E. Washington along the Spokane R. Fred Weinmann reports the hybrid *L. X bella* persists at Juanita Bay Park in Kirkland WA.

Lonicera utahensis S. Watson [HC, HC2]

United States Geological Exploration [sic] of the Fortieth Parallel. Botany 133. 1871.
Rocky Mountain honeysuckle, Utah honeysuckle

Lonicera ebractulata

Symphoricarpos [HC, HC2]

snowberry

Symphoricarpos albus (L.) S.F. Blake [HC, HC2]

Rhodora 16: 118. 1914.
common snowberry

var. *albus* [HC, HC2]

Rhodora 16(187): 118. 1914.
common snowberry

Symphoricarpos albus (L.) S.F. Blake var. *pauciflorus* (W.J. Rob. ex A. Gray) S.F. Blake
Symphoricarpos pauciflorus W.J. Rob. ex A. Gray
Symphoricarpos racemosus Michx.

There has been some discussion about this taxon being introduced from east of the Rocky Mountains. Fieldwork in Skamania County over the years suggests that this is not accurate due to the existence of large stands of this taxon in relatively undisturbed forest openings and edge. Where encountered, the upright and larger-fruited var. *laevigatus* is not encountered.

var. *laevigatus* (Fernald) S.F. Blake [HC, HC2, JPM2]

Rhodora 16(187): 119. 1914.
common snowberry

Symphoricarpos albus (L.) S.F. Blake ssp. *laevigatus* (Fernald) Hultén
Symphoricarpos rivularis Suksd.

Symphoricarpos mollis Nutt. [HC, HC2]

Fl. N. Amer. 2(1): 4. 1841.
creeping snowberry

var. *hesperius* (G.N. Jones) Cronquist [HC, HC2]

Vasc. Pl. Pacific N.W. 4: 465. 1959.
creeping snowberry, spreading snowberry

Symphoricarpos hesperius G.N. Jones
Symphoricarpos mollis Nutt. ssp. *hesperius* (G.N. Jones) Abrams ex Ferris

Symphoricarpos occidentalis Hook. [HC, HC2]

Fl. Bor.-Amer. 1: 285. 1833.
western snowberry, wolfberry

Symphoricarpos rotundifolius A. Gray [HC2]

Dendrologie 2(1): 48. 1872.
mountain snowberry

var. *vaccinioides* (Rydb.) A. Nelson [HC2]

New Man. Bot. Centr. Rocky Mt. 471. 1909.
mountain snowberry

Symphoricarpos oreophilus A. Gray var. *utahensis* (Rydb.) A. Nelson [HC], misapplied

Symphoricarpos rotundifolius A. Gray var. *vaccinoides* (Rydb.) A. Nelson [Draft FNA, JPM2],
orthographic variant

Here we follow the recent treatments in the Jepson Manual, 2nd edition and the upcoming treatment in FNA. Draft FNA: "*Symphoricarpos rotundifolius*, according to the broadest circumscription (accepted here), is a widespread and variable complex comprising four relatively well distinguished varieties. Indument characters have often been relied upon in the circumscription of taxa. However, the presence and morphology of trichomes varies within all four varieties of *S. rotundifolius*, and the geographic distributions of indument types are complicated and overlapping. Corolla morphology offers more reliable features. Intermediate specimens not classifiable to variety, even in flower, do exist. A few specimens have been identified, based on morphological intermediacy, as possible hybrids between *S. rotundifolius* varieties and other sympatric species, including *S. albus*, *S. longifolius*, and *S. mollis*. Variety *vaccinoides* is very often labeled *Symphoricarpos oreophilus* var. *utahensis* in herbaria and in floristic literature; however, the type of the latter name is referable to *S. rotundifolius* var. *oreophilus*."