

Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Oleaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

Oleaceae [HC, HC2] Olive Family

Fraxinus [HC, HC2]

ash

Fraxinus latifolia Benth. [HC, HC2]

Bot. Voy. Sulphur 33. 1844.

Oregon ash

Fraxinus americana L. ssp. *oregona* (Nutt.) Wesm.

Fraxinus oregona Nutt.

Fraxinus oregona Nutt. var. *latifolia* (Benth.) Lingelsh.

**Fraxinus pennsylvanica* Marshall [Gray's Manual, HC2]

Arbust. Amer. 51-52. 1785.

green ash

**Ligustrum* [HC2]

privet

**Ligustrum ovalifolium* Hassk. [HC2]

Cat. Hort. Bot. Bogor. (Hasskarl) 119. 1844.

California privet

**Ligustrum vulgare* L. [HC2, Stace 1997]

Sp. Pl. 1: 7. 1753.

common privet

Occasionally escaped into natural areas, but often found as escape near residential areas where cultivated locally.

**Syringa* [HC2]

lilac

**Syringa vulgaris* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 9. 1753.

common lilac