

Washington Flora Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of Washington State

Hosted by the University of Washington Herbarium

Family: Pontederiaceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superceded by new information.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

Pontederiaceae [FNA26, HC, HC2] Pickerelweed Family

**Eichhornia* [FNA26, HC2]

Eichhornia. 3. 1842.
[name conserved]

**Eichhornia crassipes* (Mart.) Solms [FNA26, HC2]

Monogr. Phan. 4: 527. 1883.
water hyacinth

reported from Cowlitz Co. in 1996 by Richard Old (KZ99)

Heteranthera [FNA26, HC, HC2]

Fl. Peruv. Prodr. 9, plate 2. 1794.
[name conserved]

Heteranthera dubia (Jacq.) MacMill. [FNA26, HC, HC2]

Metasp. Minnesota Valley. 138. 1892.
grassleaf mud-plantain, water stargrass, yellow stargrass

Zosterella dubia (Jacq.) Small [ILBC7]

**Pontederia* [FNA26, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 288. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 140. 1754.

**Pontederia cordata* L. [FNA26, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 208. 1753.
pickerel-weed

Specimen collected by WA Dept. of Ecology in Snohomish County but not deposited in a herbarium.