Washington Flora Checklist

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

Family: Taxaceae

2 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 <u>APG IV</u> 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 <u>2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest</u> except where superceded by new information.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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Gymnosperms:

Taxaceae [FNA2, HC, HC2] Yew Family

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Taxus [FNA2, HC, HC2]
Sp. Pl. 2: 1040. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5, 462, 1754.
yew

*Taxus baccata L. [HC2, Stace 1997]
Sp. Pl. 2: 1040. 1753.
English yew
Recently collected in several places in King Co. as a garden escape.

Taxus brevifolia Nutt. [FNA2, HC, HC2]
N. Amer. Sylv. 3: 86, plate 108. 1849.
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Taxus baccata L. ssp. brevifolia (Nutt.) Pilger Taxus baccata L. var. brevifolia (Nutt.) Koehne Taxus baccata L. var. canadensis Benth. Taxus bourcieri Carrière

Taxus lindleyana A. Murray bis

Pacific yew, western yew

FNA2: "The name Taxus baccata Hooker has been misapplied to this species. The leaves of Taxus brevifolia are usually somewhat falcate. The wood of Taxus brevifolia is hard and durable, yet easily worked, making it popular for construction of novelty items by local woodworkers. Because of this, large trees are unscrupulously poached; in some areas the species has been nearly extirpated. The bark of the tree is a promising natural source of taxol, a drug for treating various cancers; exploitation of the species for medicinal purposes is further threatening it."