

# Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

A checklist of the Vascular Plants of the Pacific Northwest  
Hosted by the University of Washington Herbarium

## Family: Apocynaceae

10 terminal taxa (species, subspecies, and varieties).

The Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist aims to be a complete list of the native and naturalized vascular plants of the Pacific Northwest, 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synonymy at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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:

## Apocynaceae [HC, HC2] Dogbane Family

### Synonyms:

Asclepiadaceae [HC] (Milkweed Family)

### **Apocynum** [HC, HC2]

dogbane

#### **Apocynum androsaemifolium** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 213. 1753.

flytrap dogbane, spreading dogbane

*Apocynum ambigenes* Greene

*Apocynum androsaemifolium* L. ssp. *pumilum* (A. Gray) B. Boivin

*Apocynum androsaemifolium* L. var. *androsaemifolium* [HC]

*Apocynum androsaemifolium* L. var. *pumilum* A. Gray [HC]

#### **Apocynum cannabinum** L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 213. 1753.

clasping-leaved dogbane, common dogbane, hemp dogbane

*Apocynum cannabinum* L. var. *glaberrimum* A. DC. [HC]

*Apocynum cannabinum* L. var. *suksdorfii* (Greene) Bég. & Beloserky [HC]

*Apocynum sibiricum* Jacq. [HC]

*Apocynum sibiricum* Jacq. var. *salignum* (Greene) Fernald [HC]

#### **Apocynum xfloribundum** Greene [HC2, IMF]

Erythea 1(7): 151. 1893.

western dogbane

*Apocynum medium* Greene [HC, KZ99]

### **Asclepias** [HC, HC2]

milkweed

#### **Asclepias cordifolia** (Benth.) Jeps. [HC2]

purple milkweed

#### **Asclepias cryptoceras** S. Watson [HC, HC2]

Botany Fortieth Parallel 283, pl. 28, f. 1-4. 1871.

Humboldt milkweed, pallid milkweed

*Asclepias cryptoceras* S. Watson ssp. *davisii* (Woodson) Woodson [KZ99]

*Asclepias cryptoceras* S. Watson var. *davisii* (Woodson) W.H. Baker

*Asclepias davisii* Woodson

#### **Asclepias fascicularis** Decne. [HC, HC2]

Prodr. 8: 569. 1844.

Mexican whorled milkweed, narrow-leaf milkweed

#### \***Asclepias incarnata** L. [Draft FNA]

Sp. Pl. 1: 215. 1753.

swamp milkweed

Recently (2017) documented from Okanogan County.

#### **Asclepias speciosa** Torr. [HC, HC2]

Ann. Lyceum Nat. Hist. New York 2: 218-219. 1827.

showy milkweed

*Asclepias giffordii* Eastw.

\**Vinca* [HC, HC2]

periwinkle

\**Vinca major* L. [HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 209. 1753.

greater periwinkle

\**Vinca minor* L. [HC2]

Sp. Pl. 1: 209. 1753.

lesser periwinkle

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**Asclepiadaceae:** see Apocynaceae