

# Flora of the Pacific Northwest Checklist

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

### Family: Araceae

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at the rank of genus and below follows the [2nd Edition of the Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#) except where superseded by new information.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

## Araceae [FNA22, HC, HC2] Arum Family

### Synonyms:

Lemnaceae [FNA22, HC] (Duckweed Family)

### \**Arum* [HC2]

lords-and-ladies

### \**Arum italicum* Mill. [HC2, JPM]

Gard. Dict. (ed. 8) 8: 2. 1768.

orange candleflower, Italian lords and ladies

### \**Dracunculus* [HC2]

### \**Dracunculus vulgaris* Schott [HC2]

Melet. Bot. 1: 17. 1832.

dragon arum, dragon lily

This species is known from a single collection in an urban setting from an old garden. It is not considered part of the flora.

### *Lemna* [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 970. 1753; Gen. Pl. ed. 5; 417, 1754.

duckweed

### *Lemna gibba* L. [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 970. 1753.

inflated duckweed

### *Lemna minor* L. [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 970. 1753.

common duckweed, lesser duckweed, water lentil

This species has often been misidentified. Many specimens previously identified as *L. minor* are in fact *L. turionifera*, which apparently is far more common in Washington than *L. minor*.

### *Lemna minuta* Kunth [FNA22, HC2]

Nov. Gen. Sp. 1: 372. 1816.

least duckweed

*Lemna minima* Phil. [Abrams], invalid name

*Lemna minuscula* Herter [JPM]

### *Lemna trisulca* L. [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Sp. Pl. 2: 970. 1753.

ivy duckweed, ivy-leaved duckweed, star duckweed

### *Lemna turionifera* Landolt [FNA22, HC2]

Aquatic Botany. 1: 355, fig. 4g?h. 1975.

turion duckweed

### *Lemna valdiviana* Phil. [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Linnaea. 33:239. 1864.

pale duckweed

### *Lysichiton* [FNA22, HC2]

Oesterreichisches Botanisches Wochenblatt. 7: 62. 1857 (as *Lysichitum*).

skunk cabbage

*Lysichitum* [HC], orthographic variant

***Lysichiton americanus*** Hulten & H. St. John [FNA22, HC2]

Svensk Botanisk Tidskrift. 25:455. (as *Lysichitum americanum*). 1931.  
skunk cabbage, yellow skunk cabbage

*Lysichitum americanum* Hultén & H. St. John [HC], orthographic variant

\****Peltandra*** [FNA22, HC2]

Journal de Physique, de Chimie, d'Histoire Naturelle et des Arts. 89:103. 1819.  
[name conserved]  
arrow arum

\****Peltandra virginica*** (L.) Schott [FNA22, HC2]

Meletemata Botanica. 19. 1832.  
arrow arum, tuckahoe

*Arum virginicum* L.

***Spirodela*** [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Linnaea. 13: 391. 1839.  
greater duckweed

\****Spirodela oligorrhiza*** (Kurz) Hegelm. [HC2]

dotted duckmeat

*Landoltia punctata* (G. Mey.) Les & D.J. Crawford  
*Spirodela punctata* (G. Mey.) C.H. Thomps. [FNA22]

***Spirodela polyrrhiza*** (L.) Schleid. [HC, HC2]

Linnaea 13: 392. 1839.  
common duckmeal, greater duckweed

*Lemna polyrrhiza* L.  
*Spirodela polyrrhiza* (L.) Schleid. [FNA22], orthographic variant  
*Spirodela polyrrhiza* (L.) Schleid. var. *masonii* Daubs

***Wolffia*** [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Beitrage zur Botanik. 1: 233. 1844.  
water-meal

***Wolffia borealis*** (Engelm.) Landolt & Wildi ex Gandhi, Wiersema & Brouillet [FNA22, HC2]

Ber. Geobot. Inst. ETH Stiftung Rubel. 44:137. 1977.  
northern watermeal

FNA22: "The name *Wolffia punctata* has been applied to this species in error."

***Wolffia brasiliensis*** Wedd. [FNA22, HC2]

Annales des Sciences Naturelles, Botanique. sér. 3, 12: 170. 1849.  
Brazilian watermeal

*Wolffia papulifera* C.H. Thomp.  
*Wolffia punctata* Griseb. [HC]

***Wolffia columbiana*** H. Karsten [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Botanische Untersuchungen. [Landwirthschaftliche Lehranstalt. Physiologisches Laboratorium] Berlin. 1:  
103, figs. 2g, 3g. 1865.  
Columbian watermeal

\****Wolffiella*** [FNA22, HC, HC2]

Botanische Jahrbucher fur Systematik, Pflanzengeschichte und Pflanzengeographie. 21: 303. 1895.

\****Wolffiella gladiata*** (Hegelm.) Hegelm. [FNA22, HC2]

Botanische Jahrbucher fur Systematik, Pflanzengeschichte und Pflanzengeographie. 21: 304. 1895.  
sword bogmat, mud-midget

*Wolffia gladiata* Hegelm.  
*Wolffiella floridana* (Donnell Sm.) C.H. Thomp. [HC]

*Wolffiella gladiata* (Hegelm.) Hegelm. var. *floridana* Donnell Sm.

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**Lemnaceae:** see Araceae