

Vascular Plant List:  
**Mercer Slough**  
King County, Washington

List covers plants ofound in and around Mercer Slough, south of Bellevue. Fred Weinmann's list from several visits. October 1997.

**124 species** (94 native, 30 introduced)

**Coordinates:** 47.590562°, -122.186501°

**Key to symbols:**

\* = Introduced species.

+ = Species is represented by two or more subspecies or varieties in Washington; the species in this list has not been identified to subspecies or variety.

**Numeric superscripts** after a scientific name indicates the name was more broadly circumscribed in the past, and has since been split into two or more accepted taxa in Washington. The possible accepted taxa names for Washington are provided after the species list, keyed by superscript.

Accepted names and family classifications are obtained from the [Washington Flora Checklist](#) and the [Revised Flora of the Pacific Northwest](#), managed by the [University of Washington Herbarium at the Burke Museum](#). Relevant synonyms are indicated in parentheses.

An online version of this plant list with more information and additional formatting options is available on the WNPS web site: [http://www.wnps.org/plant-lists/list?Mercer\\_Slough](http://www.wnps.org/plant-lists/list?Mercer_Slough)

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**FERNS AND LYCOPHYTES:**

**Accepted Name (Synonym)**

Athyrium filix-femina ssp. cyclosorum  
Dryopteris expansa (Dryopteris austriaca)  
Equisetum arvense  
Equisetum telmateia ssp. braunii  
Polypodium glycyrrhiza  
Polystichum munitum <sup>1</sup>  
Pteridium aquilinum var. pubescens

**Common Name**

Lady fern  
Spreading wood-fern  
Common horsetail  
Giant horsetail  
Licorice fern  
Sword fern  
Bracken

**Family**

Athyriaceae  
Dryopteridaceae  
Equisetaceae  
Equisetaceae  
Polypodiaceae  
Dryopteridaceae  
Dennstaedtiaceae

**GYMNOSPERMS:**

**Accepted Name (Synonym)**

Pseudotsuga menziesii +  
Thuja plicata

**Common Name**

Douglas fir  
Western red cedar

**Family**

Pinaceae  
Cupressaceae

**DICOTS:**

**Accepted Name (Synonym)**

Acer circinatum  
Acer macrophyllum  
Achillea millefolium  
Alnus rubra

**Common Name**

Vine maple  
Big-leaf maple  
Yarrow  
Red alder

**Family**

Sapindaceae  
Sapindaceae  
Asteraceae  
Betulaceae

**Accepted Name (Synonym)**

Anaphalis margaritacea  
Aruncus dioicus var. acuminatus (Aruncus sylvester)  
Berberis nervosa  
Betula occidentalis  
Betula pendula \*  
Cardamine oligosperma <sup>2</sup>  
Cardamine pensylvanica (Cardamine pensylvanica)  
Ceratophyllum demersum  
Chamaenerion angustifolium (Epilobium angustifolium)  
Circaea alpina +  
Claytonia sibirica (Montia sibirica)  
Comarum palustre (Potentilla palustris)  
Cornus nuttallii  
Cornus stolonifera <sup>3</sup>  
Corylus avellana (Corylus maxima)  
Corylus cornuta +  
Crataegus monogyna var. monogyna \*  
Dicentra formosa ssp. formosa  
Epilobium ciliatum (Epilobium watsonii)  
Frangula purshiana (Rhamnus purshiana)  
Fraxinus latifolia  
Galium triflorum  
Gaultheria shallon  
Geranium robertianum \*  
Geum macrophyllum  
Holodiscus discolor var. discolor  
Hypericum perforatum ssp. perforatum \*  
Hypochaeris glabra \*  
Ilex aquifolium \*  
Lapsana communis \*  
Lonicera ciliosa  
Lonicera involucrata var. involucrata  
Lythrum salicaria \*  
Malus fusca (Pyrus fusca)  
Myosotis arvensis \*  
Nuphar polysepala (Nuphar polysepalum)  
Oemleria cerasiformis  
Oenanthe sarmentosa  
Oplopanax horridus (Oplopanax horridum)  
Persicaria amphibia (Polygonum amphibium)  
Persicaria maculosa \* (Polygonum persicaria)  
Physocarpus capitatus  
Plantago lanceolata \*  
Plantago major \*  
Polygonum sp. <sup>4</sup>  
Populus trichocarpa  
Prunella vulgaris +  
Prunus avium \*  
Prunus emarginata

**Common Name**

Pearly everlasting  
Goatsbeard  
Cascade Oregongrape  
Water birch  
European white birch  
Little Western bittercress  
Pennsylvania bittercress  
Hornwort  
Fireweed  
Enchanter's nightshade  
Candyflower  
Marsh cinquefoil  
Pacific dogwood  
Red-osier dogwood  
Filbert  
Hazelnut  
English hawthorn  
Bleeding heart  
Watson's willow-herb  
Cascara  
Oregon ash  
Fragrant bedstraw  
Salal  
Stinky Bob  
Large-leaved avens  
Ocean spray  
Klamath weed  
Smooth cat's-ear  
English holly  
Nipplewort  
Orange honeysuckle  
Twinberry  
Purple loosestrife  
Crabapple  
Field forget-me-not  
Pond lily  
Indian plum  
Water parsley  
Devil's club  
Water smartweed  
Heartweed  
Pacific ninebark  
English plantain  
Common plantain  
Smartweed  
Black cottonwood  
Self-heal  
Sweet cherry  
Bitter cherry

**Family**

Asteraceae  
Rosaceae  
Berberidaceae  
Betulaceae  
Betulaceae  
Brassicaceae  
Brassicaceae  
Ceratophyllaceae  
Onagraceae  
Onagraceae  
Montiaceae  
Rosaceae  
Cornaceae  
Cornaceae  
Betulaceae  
Betulaceae  
Rosaceae  
Papaveraceae  
Onagraceae  
Rhamnaceae  
Oleaceae  
Rubiaceae  
Ericaceae  
Geraniaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Hypericaceae  
Asteraceae  
Aquifoliaceae  
Asteraceae  
Caprifoliaceae  
Caprifoliaceae  
Lythraceae  
Rosaceae  
Boraginaceae  
Nymphaeaceae  
Rosaceae  
Apiaceae  
Araliaceae  
Polygonaceae  
Polygonaceae  
Rosaceae  
Plantaginaceae  
Plantaginaceae  
Polygonaceae  
Salicaceae  
Lamiaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae

**Accepted Name (Synonym)**

*Pyrola asarifolia* +  
*Ranunculus repens* \*  
*Rhododendron groenlandicum* (Ledum  
groenlandicum)  
*Ribes divaricatum* var. *divaricatum*  
*Ribes lacustre*  
*Ribes sanguineum* var. *sanguineum*  
*Rorippa* sp. <sup>5</sup>  
*Rosa multiflora* \*  
*Rosa nutkana* +  
*Rubus bifrons* \* (*Rubus discolor*)  
*Rubus laciniatus* \*  
*Rubus nutkanus* (*Rubus parviflorus*)  
*Rubus spectabilis*  
*Rubus ursinus* (*Rubus ursinus* var. *macropetalus*)  
*Rumex crispus* \*  
*Rumex obtusifolius* \*  
*Salix hookeriana* (*Salix piperi*)  
*Salix lasiandra* +  
*Salix scouleriana*  
*Salix sitchensis* var. *sitchensis*  
*Sambucus racemosa* +  
*Solanum dulcamara* \*  
*Sorbus aucuparia* \*  
*Spiraea douglasii* +  
*Stachys cooleyae*  
*Taraxacum officinale* \*  
*Tiarella trifoliata* +  
*Tolmiea menziesii*  
*Trifolium pratense* \*  
*Trifolium repens* \*  
*Urtica dioica* +  
*Vaccinium* sp.  
*Vaccinium parvifolium*  
*Veronica americana*  
*Viburnum opulus* +  
*Viola sempervirens*

**Common Name**

Pink wintergreen  
Creeping buttercup  
Labrador tea  
  
Coast black gooseberry  
Prickly currant  
Red-flowered currant  
Yellowcress  
Roadside rose  
Nootka rose  
Himalayan blackberry  
Evergreen blackberry  
Thimbleberry  
Salmonberry  
Wild blackberry  
Sour dock  
Broad-leaved dock  
Piper's willow  
Pacific willow  
Scouler willow  
Sitka willow  
Red elderberry  
Bittersweet nightshade  
European mountain-ash  
Hardhack  
Cooley's hedge-nettle  
Dandelion  
Foamflower  
Youth-on-age  
Red clover  
White clover  
Stinging nettle  
Blueberry  
Red huckleberry  
American brooklime  
Snowball  
Evergreen violet

**Family**

Ericaceae  
Ranunculaceae  
Ericaceae  
  
Grossulariaceae  
Grossulariaceae  
Grossulariaceae  
Brassicaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Polygonaceae  
Polygonaceae  
Salicaceae  
Salicaceae  
Salicaceae  
Salicaceae  
Adoxaceae  
Solanaceae  
Rosaceae  
Rosaceae  
Lamiaceae  
Asteraceae  
Saxifragaceae  
Saxifragaceae  
Fabaceae  
Fabaceae  
Urticaceae  
Ericaceae  
Ericaceae  
Plantaginaceae  
Adoxaceae  
Violaceae

**MONOCOTS:****Accepted Name (Synonym)**

*Agrostis alba* <sup>6\*</sup>  
*Carex canescens* ssp. *canescens*  
*Carex deweyana* <sup>7</sup>  
*Carex obnupta*  
*Carex pachystachya*  
*Carex stipata* var. *stipata*  
*Dactylis glomerata* \*  
*Elymus glaucus* +  
*Glyceria elata*

**Common Name**

Red top  
Silvery sedge  
Dewey's sedge  
Slough sedge  
Pachystachy sedge  
Sawbeak sedge  
Orchard grass  
Western ryegrass  
Tall mannagrass

**Family**

Poaceae  
Cyperaceae  
Cyperaceae  
Cyperaceae  
Cyperaceae  
Cyperaceae  
Poaceae  
Poaceae  
Poaceae

<u>Accepted Name (Synonym)</u>	<u>Common Name</u>	<u>Family</u>
Holcus lanatus *	Common velvet grass	Poaceae
Juncus bufonius +*	Toad rush	Juncaceae
Juncus effusus <sup>8</sup>	Soft rush	Juncaceae
Juncus ensifolius <sup>9</sup>	Daggerleaf rush	Juncaceae
Juncus tenuis <sup>10</sup>	Slender rush	Juncaceae
Lemna minor	Water lentil	Araceae
Luzula parviflora (Luzula divaricata)	Small-flowered woodrush	Juncaceae
Lysichiton americanus (Lysichiton americanum, Lysichitum americanum)	Skunk cabbage	Araceae
Maianthemum dilatatum	False lily-of-the-valley	Asparagaceae
Phalaris arundinacea *	Reed canarygrass	Poaceae
Poa trivialis ssp. trivialis	Roughstalk bluegrass	Poaceae
Schedonorus arundinaceus * (Festuca arundinacea)	Tall fescue	Poaceae
Schoenoplectus tabernaemontani (Scirpus validus)	Soft-stem bulrush	Cyperaceae
Scirpus cyperinus	Wool-grass	Cyperaceae
Scirpus microcarpus	Small-flowered bulrush	Cyperaceae
Torreyochloa pallida var. pauciflora (Puccinellia pauciflora)	Weak alkaligrass	Poaceae
Typha latifolia	Common cattail	Typhaceae

**Key to potential accepted names for ambiguous species:**

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- 1 Polystichum munitum: Polystichum imbricans, Polystichum munitum
- 2 Cardamine oligosperma: Cardamine oligosperma, Cardamine umbellata
- 3 Cornus stolonifera: Cornus occidentalis, Cornus stolonifera
- 4 Polygonum: Aconogonon, Bistorta, Fallopi, Persicaria, Polygonum
- 5 Rorippa: Armoracia, Nasturtium, Rorippa
- 6 Agrostis alba: Agrostis gigantea, Agrostis stolonifera
- 7 Carex deweyana: Carex bolanderi, Carex deweyana, Carex infirmivervia, Carex leptopoda
- 8 Juncus effusus: Juncus effusus, Juncus laccatus
- 9 Juncus ensifolius: Juncus ensifolius, Juncus saximontanus
- 10 Juncus tenuis: Juncus dudleyi, Juncus occidentalis, Juncus tenuis