

Mason County Rare Plants					
County List					
Scientific Name	Common Name	Habitat	Family Name	State Status	Federal Status
Boschniakia hookeri	Vancouver ground-cone	Forests near saltwater	Orobanchaceae	R1	
Botrychium ascendens	triangle-lobed moonwort	forests, wet and dry meadows, rocky soils, nest to perennial streams, 2100-6400 ft elev	Ophioglossaceae	S	SC
Carex circinata	coiled sedge	wet meadows, moist rocky areas	Cyperaceae	S	
Carex obtusata	obtuse sedge	High elevation	Cyperaceae	S	
Carex pauciflora	few-flowered sedge	Sphagnum bogs, acidic peat	Cyperaceae	S	
Carex scirpoidea ssp. scirpoidea	Canadian single-spike sedge	5900-7400 ft elevation	Cyperaceae	S	
Ceratophyllum echinatum	smooth hornwort		Ceratophyllaceae	R1	
Chrysolepis chrysophylla var. chrysophylla	golden chinquapin	prairies, forests	Fagaceae	S	
Claytonia multiscapa ssp. pacifica	Pacific lanceleaved springbeauty		Portulacaceae	T	
Cochlearia groenlandica	scurvygrass	rock bluffs, gravel sand along tidal plains	Brassicaceae	S	
Erigeron aliceae	Alice's fleabane	sub alpine zone,moist	Asteraceae	S	
Githopsis specularioides	common bluecup	talus slopes, gravelly sites within the forest, shrub-steppe - forest ecotone	Campanulaceae	S	
Hedysarum occidentale var. occidentale	western sweetvetch	high elevation	Fabaceae	S	
Lobelia dortmanna	water lobelia	aquatic	Campanulaceae	T	
Ophioglossum pusillum	Adder's-tongue	Bogs, fens, damp sand, pastures, wet meadows, moist woods, etc.	Ophioglossaceae	T	
Parnassia palustris var. neogaea	northern grass-of-parnassus	wetlands, riparian	Saxifragaceae	S	
Potamogeton obtusifolius	blunt-leaf pondweed	wetlands	Potamogetonaceae	S	
Woodwardia fimbriata	giant chain fern	moist areas near saltwater	Blechnaceae	S	

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Wetlands, Riparian					
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Carex pauciflora	few-flowered sedge	Sphagnum bogs, acidic peat	Cyperaceae	S	
Lobelia dortmanna	water lobelia	aquatic	Campanulaceae	T	
Ophioglossum pusillum	Adder's-tongue	Bogs, fens, damp sand, pastures, wet meadows, moist woods, etc.	Ophioglossaceae	T	
Parnassia palustris var. neogaea	northern grass-of-parnassus	wetlands, riparian	Saxifragaceae	S	
Potamogeton obtusifolius	blunt-leaf pondweed	wetlands	Potamogetonaceae	S	
Woodwardia fimbriata	giant chain fern	moist areas near saltwater	Blechnaceae	S	

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Meadows, Forests					
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Botrychium ascendens	triangle-lobed moonwort	forests, wet and dry meadows, rocky soils, nest to perennial streams, 2100-6400 ft elev	Ophioglossaceae	S	SC
Carex circinata	coiled sedge	wet meadows, moist rocky areas	Cyperaceae	S	
Chrysolepis chrysophylla var. chrysophylla	golden chinquapin	prairies, forests	Fagaceae	S	
Erigeron aliciae	Alice's fleabane	sub alpine zone,moist	Asteraceae	S	
Githopsis specularioides	common bluecup	talus slopes, gravelly sites within the forest, shrub-steppe - forest ecotone	Campanulaceae	S	
Ophioglossum pusillum	Adder's-tongue	Bogs, fens, damp sand, pastures, wet meadows, moist woods, etc.	Ophioglossaceae	T	
Woodwardia fimbriata	giant chain fern	moist areas near saltwater	Blechnaceae	S	

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High Elevation					
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Botrychium ascendens	triangle-lobed moonwort	forests, wet and dry meadows, rocky soils, nest to perennial streams, 2100-6400 ft elev	Ophioglossaceae	S	SC
Carex obtusata	obtuse sedge	High elevation	Cyperaceae	S	
Carex scirpoidea ssp. scirpoidea	Canadian single-spike sedge	5900-7400 ft elevation	Cyperaceae	S	
Erigeron aliceae	Alice's fleabane	sub alpine zone,moist	Asteraceae	S	
Hedysarum occidentale var. occidentale	western sweetvetch	high elevation	Fabaceae	S	

Mason County Rare Plants					
Bluffs, Sandy, and Rocky Areas					
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Botrychium ascendens	triangle-lobed moonwort	forests, wet and dry meadows, rocky soils, nest to perennial streams, 2100-6400 ft elev	Ophioglossaceae	S	SC
Carex circinata	coiled sedge	wet meadows, moist rocky areas	Cyperaceae	S	
Cochlearia groenlandica	scurvygrass	rock bluffs, gravel sand along tidal plains	Brassicaceae	S	
Githopsis specularioides	common bluecup	talus slopes, gravelly sites within the forest, shrub-steppe - forest ecotone	Campanulaceae	S	

Rare Plant Status Codes

State Status

State Status of plant species is determined by the Washington Natural Heritage Program.

Factors considered include abundance, occurrence patterns, vulnerability, threats, existing protection, and taxonomic distinctness.

E = Endangered. In danger of becoming extinct or extirpated from Washington.

T = Threatened. Likely to become endangered within the near future in WA if the factors contributing to pop decline or habitat loss continue.

S = Sensitive. Vulnerable or declining and could become endangered or threatened in the state without active management or removal of threats

X = Possibly extinct or Extirpated. Documented to have previously occurred within WA, but no longer thought to be present here.

P1 = Priority 1. Rare nonvascular plant but with insufficient information to assign another rank.

P2 = Priority 2. Nonvascular plant of concern but with insufficient information to assign another rank.

R1 = Review group 1. Of potential concern but needs more field work to assign another rank.

R2 = Review group 2. Of potential concern but with unresolved taxonomic questions.

W = Watch. Species that are more abundant and/or less threatened in WA than previously thought, no longer a focus of conservation efforts.

Federal Status

Federal Status under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (USESA) as published in the Federal Register.

For complete definitions see <http://www.fws.gov/endangered/laws-policies/section-3.html>

LE = Listed Endangered. The plant is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

LT = Listed Threatened. The plant is likely to become endangered within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

PE = Proposed Endangered. A plant that is proposed to be listed as endangered and is undergoing a review process.

PT = Proposed Threatened. A plant that is proposed to be listed as threatened and is undergoing a review process.

C = Candidate species. A plant for which FWS or NOAA Fisheries has on file sufficient information on biological vulnerability and threats to support a proposal to list as endangered or threatened.

SC = Species of Concern. An informal term referring to a species that might be in need of conservation action. Such species receive no legal protection and use of the term does not necessarily imply that a species will eventually be proposed for listing.

NL = Not listed. Used when two portions of a taxon have different federal status.

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