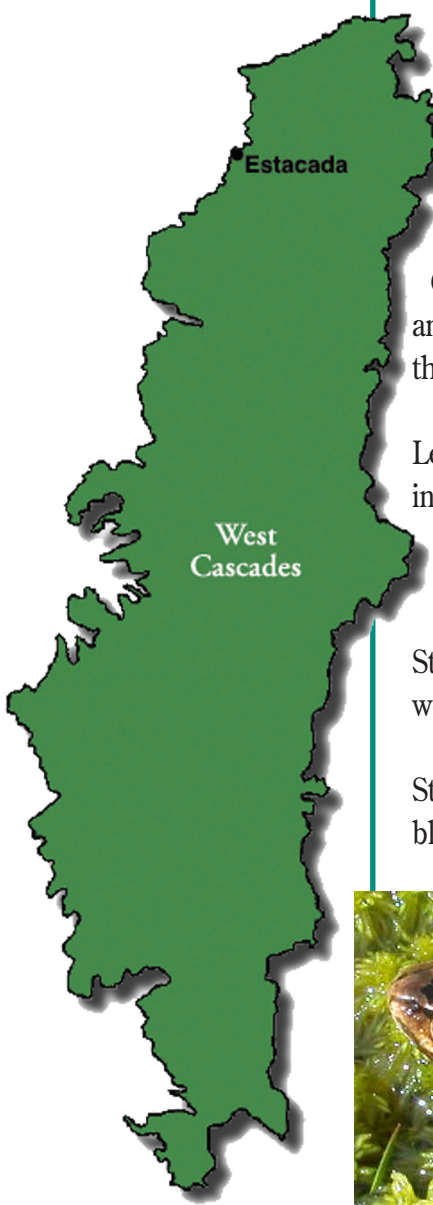




I live in the West Cascades ecoregion



The West Cascades ecoregion has been shaped by its volcanic past. The younger volcanic crest includes the highest peaks in Oregon. The older western Cascade Mountain Range is characterized by steep ridges and wide valleys. The ecoregion is almost entirely forested by conifers. The West Cascades ecoregion houses just over one percent of Oregon's population.

Careful resource management is needed to ensure healthy fish and wildlife populations and habitats. Responsible forest management and invasive species control are important to this ecoregion—healthy fish and wildlife populations need healthy habitats.

Learning about the at-risk species and their habitats in your ecoregion gives you the information you need to get involved in conserving Oregon's fish and wildlife for your enjoyment and that of future generations.

Strategy Habitats and Species

Strategy habitats include late-successional forests, riparian, oak woodlands, grasslands, wetlands and aquatic.

Strategy species in need of help include Cascades frog, ringtail, greater sandhill crane, black swift, band-tailed pigeon and bull trout. See back of sheet for more information.



Cascades frog: I live in the West Cascades ecoregion

Cascades frogs have gold eyes and long hind legs. They live in moist mountain meadows and damp bogs and forests. Home is usually a shallow pond, marsh or small stream. Studies indicate that populations are increasingly small, and some populations may be adversely affected by pollution and increasing sunlight levels.

Fun fact: The Cascade's scientific name is *Rana cascadae*—rana is Latin for frog and cascadae refers to the frog's traditional homeland, the Cascade Mountains.



Partial list of Oregon Conservation Strategy West Cascades Range Ecoregion Strategy Species and Invasive Species

Strategy species are species of greatest conservation need; they have low or declining populations due, many times, to habitat loss and degradation. *Invasive species* are non-native plants or animals that can negatively impact native habitats both economically and environmentally.

STRATEGY SPECIES

Mammals

American marten
Fisher
Hoary bat
Red tree vole
Ringtail
Silver-haired bat

Plants

Northern wormwood
Umpqua mariposa-lily
Wayside aster
White rock larkspur

Amphibians and Reptiles

Cascades frog
Cascade torrent salamander
Coastal tailed frog
Cope's giant salamander
Oregon spotted frog
Western toad
Northwestern pond turtle
Western painted turtle

Fish

Bull trout (Columbia Distinct Population)
Chinook salmon (Lower Columbia River ESU, spring run)
Coastal cutthroat trout (Oregon Coast ESU)
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Coho salmon (Oregon Coast ESU)
Oregon chub
Pacific lamprey
Steelhead (Klamath Mountains Province ESU, summer run)
Western brook lamprey

Birds

Band-tailed pigeon
Barrow's goldeneye
Black swift
Bufflehead
Greater sandhill crane
Northern goshawk
Northern spotted owl
Olive-sided flycatcher

INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive Animals

Asian clam
Bullfrog
Carp
Eastern snapping turtle
European starling
Feral swine
Golden shiner
House sparrow
Nutria
Tui chub
Virginia opossum

Invasive Plants

Brooms (Scotch, Spanish, Portuguese)
Butterfly bush
Eurasian watermilfoil
False brome
Garlic mustard
Giant hogweed
Gorse
Himalayan blackberry
Hawkweeds (orange, meadow)
Knapweeds (spotted, meadow, diffuse)
Knotweeds (Japanese, giant, Himalayan)
Purple loosestrife

St. Johnswort
Tansy ragwort
Yellow star-thistle

A complete list of Strategy species can be found on the ODFW Web site. Click Conservation Strategy on the home page.

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For more information on the Oregon Conservation Strategy visit the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife



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SOLV has ideas for teachers, students and Oregonians of all ages to help save the Cascades

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