



I live in the Blue Mountains ecoregion



Oregon's Blue Mountains ecoregion is a wonderland of mountain ranges, valleys and plateaus. The climate varies over broad temperature and precipitation ranges because of drastic elevation differences. Wood products and cattle production dominate the economy, and wheat and alfalfa are important in the river valleys. The ecoregion offers some of the finest big game hunting in the state and attracts tourists all year for recreation, sightseeing and wildlife viewing.

Habitats in the ecoregion have been impacted by invasive species, uncontrolled grazing, fire suppression, land use changes and some forest management practices.

Learning about the at-risk species and their habitats in the 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

Important habitats in the ecoregion include ponderosa pine woodlands, aspen woodlands, grasslands, sagebrush steppe and shrublands, wetlands, riparian and aquatic habitats.

Strategy species in need of help include American marten, greater sage-grouse, Lewis' woodpecker, white-headed woodpecker, inland Columbia Basin redband trout, western painted turtle and western toad.



Columbia spotted frog: I live in the Blue Mountain ecoregion

Columbia spotted frogs love the water. They make their homes in or near lakes, ponds, marshes and slow streams. They can be brown, tan or green and are dotted with irregularly-shaped black spots. This species is being challenged by loss and degradation of wetlands and predation by non-native bullfrogs.

Fun fact: Columbia spotted frogs like to wander. They will sometimes migrate seasonally and use different water bodies for breeding, summer feeding and overwintering.



Partial List of Oregon Conservation Strategy Blue Mountains 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
Silver-haired bat
Townsend's big-eared bat

Birds

American three-toed woodpecker
Black-backed woodpecker
Bobolink
Ferruginous hawk
Flammulated owl
Great gray owl
Greater sage-grouse
Lewis' woodpecker
Pileated woodpecker
Upland sandpiper
White-headed woodpecker

Fish

Chinook (Snake River ESU, spring/
summer run)
Inland Columbia Basin redband
trout
Malheur mottled sculpin
Margined sculpin
Oregon Basins redband trout
(Silvies River)
Pacific lamprey
Steelhead (Middle Columbia River
ESU, summer run)
Westslope cutthroat trout

Plants

Cusick's lupine
Greenman's desert parsley
Oregon semaphore grass
Red-fruited desert parsley
Snake River goldenweed

Amphibians and Reptiles

Columbia spotted frog
Inland tailed frog

Western painted turtle
Western toad

INVASIVE SPECIES

Invasive Animals

Bullfrog
Eastern fox squirrel
European red fox
European starling
Fathead minnow
Feral swine
Mosquito fish (*Gambusia*)
Norway rat
Virginia opossum

Invasive Plants

Cheatgrass
Common bugloss
Common curpina
Dyers woad
Hawkweeds (orange, meadow)
Himalayan blackberry
Knapweeds (diffuse, meadow,
squarrose, Russian)
Knotweeds (Japanese, giant)
Leafy spurge
Mediterranean sage
Medusahead rye
Myrtle spurge
Orange hawkweed
Oxeye daisy
Perennial pepperweed
Purple loosestrife
Rush skeletonweed
Russian olive
Sulfur cinquefoil
Tansy ragwort
Thistles (musk, plumeless, Scotch,
Russian)
Toadflaxes (Dalmatian, yellow)
Tree of Heaven
Whitetop

Yellow starthistle
Yellow toadflax

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

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and Oregonians
of all ages to help
save the Columbia**

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