



# 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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[www.oregonwatersheds.org/](http://www.oregonwatersheds.org/)

For more information on the Oregon Conservation Strategy, visit the ODFW Web site.

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