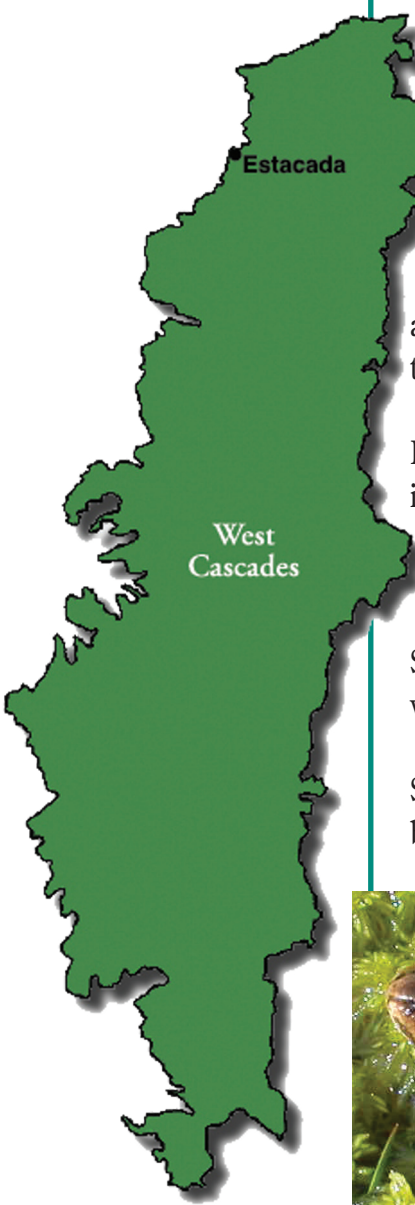




# I live in the West Cascades ecoregion



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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