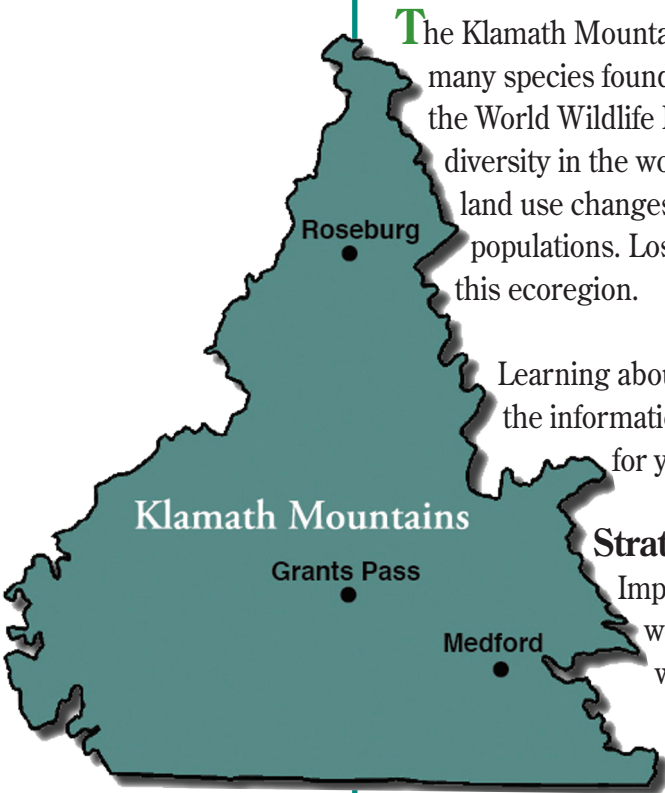




# I live in the Klamath Mountains ecoregion

The Klamath Mountains ecoregion boasts a wonderful diversity of species, including many species found only locally. In fact, the Klamath-Siskiyou region was included in the World Wildlife Fund's assessment of the 200 locations most important for species diversity in the world. Unfortunately, like many places in the state, altered fire regimes; land use changes and development, and invasive species are affecting fish and wildlife populations. Loss of habitat connectivity and mineral extraction is also of concern in this ecoregion.

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

Important habitats in the ecoregion include ponderosa pine, oak woodlands, mature conifer forests, grasslands, oak savannas, riparian, wetlands and aquatic.

Strategy species in need of help include western toad, fisher, Townsend's big-eared bat, northwestern pond turtle, western purple martin and several steelhead runs. See back of sheet for more information.



### Western toad: I live in the Klamath Mountains ecoregion

The western toad is well camouflaged in earth tones to help it stay safe from predators. A large toad with bumpy skin, it lives mainly on land in a range of habitats from mountain meadows to desert flats. Today the species is threatened by loss of wetlands, habitat degradation and other environmental changes.

**Fun fact:** Western toads have skin secretions that taste bad and help to deter other animals from eating them.



# Partial List of Oregon Conservation Strategy Klamath 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

Columbian white-tailed deer  
(Umpqua)  
Fisher  
Ringtail  
Townsend's big-eared bat

### Invertebrates

Johnson's hairstreak butterfly  
Siskiyou short-horned grasshopper  
Vernal pool fairy shrimp

### Fish

Coastal cutthroat trout (Oregon  
Coast ESU)  
Coho (Oregon Coast ESU)  
Pacific lamprey  
Steelhead (Klamath Mountains  
Province ESU, summer run)  
Umpqua chub  
Western brook lamprey

### Birds

Blue-gray gnatcatcher  
Grasshopper sparrow  
Lewis' woodpecker  
Marbled murrelet  
Western purple martin  
White-headed woodpecker

### Plants

Cook's desert parsley  
Crinite mariposa-lily  
Kincaid's lupine  
Umpqua mariposa-lily

### Amphibians and Reptiles

Coastal tailed frog  
Foothill yellow-legged frog

Northern red-legged frog  
Siskiyou Mountain salamander  
Western toad  
Common kingsnake  
Northwestern pond turtle

## INVASIVE SPECIES

### Invasive Animals

Bullfrog  
Carp  
European starling  
Fathead minnow  
Feral swine  
Golden shiner  
Mosquito fish (Gambusia)  
Mute swan  
Nutria  
Red-eared slider turtle

### Invasive Plants

Brooms (Scotch, Spanish,  
Portuguese, French)  
Cheatgrass  
Dyers woad  
False brome  
Himalayan blackberry  
Knapweeds (spotted, squarrose,  
diffuse)  
Leafy spurge  
Medusahead rye  
Rush skeletonweed  
St. Johnswort  
Tansy ragwort  
Thistles (Scotch, Canada, Italian)  
Yellow starthistle

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

### ODFW Offices

**Southwest Region Office,**  
Roseburg  
(541) 440-3353

**Rogue Watershed District Office,**  
Central Point  
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Find your local Watershed Council.  
(541) 682-8323  
[www.oregonwatersheds.org/](http://www.oregonwatersheds.org/)

For more information on the Oregon Conservation Strategy, visit the ODFW Web site.  
[www.dfw.state.or.us](http://www.dfw.state.or.us)



 SOLV has ideas for teachers, students and Oregonians of all ages to help save the Western toad. Contact SOLV to find out how. Web site: [www.solv.org](http://www.solv.org); phone: 503-844-9571; toll free: 1-800-333-SOLV; e-mail, [info@solv.org](mailto:info@solv.org)