

Oh, to love an oak



- Oak-prairie habitats provided food for Native Americans.
- In the Willamette Valley, oak-prairie habitat has declined to less than 10 percent of its original range. What remains is fragmented, making it hard for animals and plants to travel.
- Without careful management or controlled fires, Oregon white oaks get shaded out by Douglas-fir trees.
- Oregon white oak trees resist fire, meaning they thrive when controlled burns curb weeds and help native species grow.
- Large oak trees have large nooks and crannies, providing homes for wrens, bluebirds, nuthatches and more.
- Historically, two dozen animal species relied exclusively on Willamette Valley prairies. Half of them are extinct or nearly so. Another 40 to 50 plant species live only in Willamette Valley oak-prairie habitats.



WESTERN BLUEBIRD



WHITE-BREASTED NUTHATCH



RUBBER BOA



WESTERN GRAY SQUIRREL

