

# Cascadia Prairie-Oak Partnership

[cascadiaprairieoak.org](http://cascadiaprairieoak.org)



## >> What is CPOP?

*CPOP aims to provide the infrastructure to...*

### Link Entities

Engage partners, share info, brainstorm future actions.

### Transfer Information

Expand expertise, reduce duplication, improve methods.

### Generate Incentives

Identify shared goals, generate a unified voice, and put focus on prairie-oak throughout range.

**Why?** To enable **improved conservation outcomes** by making it easier to find **partners**, utilize **best management practices**, and gain **support**.



*CPOP listerv - Connect with over 500 members of the prairie-oak community. Sign up at [cascadiaprairieoak.org](http://cascadiaprairieoak.org).*



## >> Who is CPOP?

CPOP consists of the many organizations and individuals who support prairie-oak conservation in the Cascadia Ecoregion. *Steering Committee members include:*



## >> What does CPOP do?

Each type of effort builds on each other to improve **on the ground action** and **tangible outcomes** for prairie-oak species and habitat conservation.



*Flip over to learn about some of the current efforts being carried out by the CPOP community.*

*CPOP strives to support the prairie-oak conservation community in their efforts to increase and protect suitable habitat and recover rare species.*

## Ongoing CPOP Projects

*The following is a sampling of the work being carried out with the support of CPOP.*

### On the Ground Actions

*Restoration for Rare Species* – Ten organizations within the CPOP community received a USFWS competitive State Wildlife Grant to support habitat restoration on over 1,000 acres throughout Oregon and Washington along with rare species monitoring, outreach and surveying projects.

*Columbia River Strategy* – Biologists are working with the Port of Portland and the Army Corps of Engineers to strategically place Columbia River deposition material on islands in a way that maximizes available habitat for streaked horned larks. Research showed that larks find deposition material to be suitable ~3-5 years after deposition.

### Special Initiatives

*Public Outreach* – A recent cooperative effort to connect South Puget Sound community members with information about the recently federally listed Mazama pocket gopher helped educate the community on the benefits of gophers, dispel myths and connect landowners with support for managing gophers on their land.

*Landowner Outreach* – Members of the streaked horned lark working group are working with NRCS to incorporate larks into incentive programs to support agricultural landowners who conduct lark compatible actions on their land.

*Range-wide Workshops* – CPOP recently brought together the Bay, Quino, and Taylor's checkerspot communities to discuss biology, recovery, reintroduction and the regulatory landscape. The workshop strengthened collective recovery efforts by providing a forum for information sharing and catalyzing priority actions between practitioners.



A field trip to Coyote Ridge during the range-wide Editha checkerspot workshop.



Tom Kaye of IAE shows golden paintbrush on a SWG site in the Willamette Valley.

### Working Groups

*Regional* – Groups such as the South Sound Prairie Landscape Working Group bring together the wider prairie-oak conservation community in the region to enable and support collaborative landscape-wide conservation.

*Rare Species* – Working groups for the Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, Mazama pocket gopher, and the streaked horned lark each meet annually to provide research updates, conduct a needs assessment and update the prioritized action plans. See the current actions plans and read meeting minutes at [cascadiaprairieoak.org/working-groups](http://cascadiaprairieoak.org/working-groups).

*Special Topics* – The Airport Working Group brings together biologists with airport managers and the FAA to and increase lark compatible land use that moves larks away from runways to reduce the risk of bird strikes at airports.

### Information Exchange

*Facilitation* - Get in touch with us to help identify key partners and find support on cooperative, range wide prairie-oak conservation projects. Contact Elspeth Hilton Kim - [ehilton@cnlm.org](mailto:ehilton@cnlm.org).

*Document Library* - Find key prairie-oak conservation documents including management guides, journal articles, conservation strategies and project reports through the keyword search and subject filters. [cascadiaprairieoak.org](http://cascadiaprairieoak.org)

*Website Hosting* - Need a place to host basic information for your group? Let us know and CPOP will host a page on the website for your group or link to your website. Contact Elspeth Hilton Kim - [ehilton@cnlm.org](mailto:ehilton@cnlm.org).