

Conserving State Strategy Species in Pacific Northwest Prairie and Oak Habitats

A Bi-State Partnership supported by a competitive State Wildlife Grant (SWG)

>> Project Goal

The project goal is to **substantially improve the population status of 21 rare and/or declining Species of Greatest Conservation Need** (*see back for species info*) that are highly associated with prairie-oak habitats of the Willamette Valley and Puget Trough regions of western OR and WA (*see map at right*). This is being accomplished through the coordinated conservation actions including on-the-ground restoration, monitoring, ecoregional coordination, and public outreach.



>> Project Actions

- **Habitat restoration** and management on ~1,000 acres across 24 sites.
- **Population inventory** of Oregon vesper sparrow and Mazama pocket gopher, and a viability assessment of reintroduced western bluebirds.
- **Standardized monitoring** strategies for birds, butterflies, and habitat.
- **Ecoregional coordination** including species-specific working groups and coordinated invasive plant control.
- **Public outreach** and site tours.



>> About SWG

The State Wildlife Grants Program provides federal grant funds for developing and implementing programs that benefit wildlife and their habitats. Grant funds must be used to address conservation needs such as research, surveys, species and habitat management, and monitoring, identified within a [State's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Plan/Strategy](#). The competitive SWG was created to encourage multi-partner projects. *This project is supported by both competitive SWG funds and matching funds, totaling nearly \$1.5 million for prairie-oak conservation.*

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Project Partners



CPOP strives to support the prairie-oak conservation community in their efforts to increase and protect suitable habitat and recover rare species, and this SWG-supported multi-partner project moves that effort forward.

Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) & Native Plants

Washington and Oregon identified SGCN in each of their State Wildlife Action Plans (SWAP). Below is the list of 21 SGCN that the project actions expect to benefit.

Taylor's Checkerspot
Federal Status: Endangered
SGCN in WA and OR

Pictured at right →
(Photo credit: Elspeth Hilton Kim)



Streaked Horned Lark
Federal Status: Threatened
SGCN in WA and OR

Pictured at right →.
(Photo credit: Rod Gilbert)



Oregon Vesper Sparrow
SGCN in WA and OR

Pictured below.
(Photo credit: [Tom Benson](#))



Western Bluebird
SGCN in WA and OR

← Pictured at left.
(Photo credit: [Shawn McCready](#))



Slender-billed White-breasted Nuthatch
SGCN in WA and OR

← Pictured at left.
(Photo credit: Rod Gilbert)

Fender's Blue
Federal Status: Endangered
SGCN in OR

Pictured at right →
(Photo credit: Sallie Gentry/USFWS)



Hoary Elf
SGCN in WA

Dog-Star Skipper
SGCN in WA



Mardon Skipper
Federal Status: Not listed
SGCN in WA

← Pictured at left.
(Photo Credit: Tom Kogut)

Oregon Branded Skipper
SGCN in WA

Propertius' Duskywing
SGCN in WA

Puget Blue
SGCN in WA

Puget Sound Fritillary
SGCN in WA

Valley Silverspot
SGCN in WA



Short-eared Owl
Federal Status: Not listed
SGCN in WA

← Pictured at left.
(Photo credit: Dan Dzurisin)

Common Nighthawk
SGCN in OR

Grasshopper Sparrow
SGCN in OR

Western Meadowlark
SGCN in OR

Pictured at right. →
(Photo credit: David Mitchell)



Acorn Woodpecker
SGCN in OR

Pictured at right. →
(Photo credit: Dan DeBold)



Mazama Pocket Gopher
Federal Status: Threatened
SGCN in WA

Pictured at right. →
(Photo credit: WDFW)



Chipping Sparrow
SGCN in OR

For more info about SGCN:
Visit the CPOP website - cascadiaprairieoak.org

This project also includes the production of native plants for use on the restoration sites.

Golden Paintbrush
Federal status: Threatened
Foodplant for Taylor's checkerspot larvae.

Pictured at right. →
(Photo credit: Elspeth Hilton Kim)



Kincaid's lupine
Federal status: Threatened
Foodplant for Fender's blue larvae.

Pictured at right. →
(Photo credit: Elspeth Hilton Kim)



Other native flora produced and planted for this project include plantain, wild strawberry, and narrow-leaved lomatium.

/ For more information about this project or prairie-oak conservation, please visit <http://cascadiaprairieoak.org> /