

In 1994 my husband and I moved from Georgia to Oregon in part to live in a state that gave us more access to nature. Since then, we have travelled to all corners of the state to hike, fish, ski, rockhound, and bird-watch. We love the Oregon outdoors! We also both subsequently got graduate degrees in wildlife ecology and became keenly aware of the plight of many of Oregon's native species, both plants and animals. As a bird-watcher over those 30 years, I have witnessed a number of bird species become more difficult to find than they once were in the Willamette Valley.

Oregon created a blueprint for the recovery of our most vulnerable and imperiled species known as the Oregon Conservation Strategy and Nearshore Strategy. The goals were to maintain healthy fish and wildlife populations by maintaining and restoring the habitats that they depend on. The Conservation Strategy has lacked the necessary resources to fully implement the recommended conservation actions. HB 2977, 1% for Wildlife, proposes increasing the state transient lodging tax from 1.5% to 2.5% to invest in the conservation and recovery of Oregon's most vulnerable wildlife and habitat. Please help Oregon recover our most vulnerable species by supporting HB 2977 today!

Thank you,

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