

Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society

Awards History

Dimick Award

The Dimick Award is granted to the best paper given during the general session at the annual meeting. The name of this recipient is added to the Oregon Chapter TWS Dimick Award Plaque (kept at Nash Hall, Oregon State University). Approved in 1967.

Year	Recipient	Position and Location	Title of Presentation
1968	E. Paul Peloquin	Grad Student, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR	Reproduction and growth of feral nutria in Oregon
1969	Eldon L. McLaury	Wildlife Biologist, USFWS Malheur Refuge, Burns, OR	Recoilless cannon net trapping application and use on Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
1970	Eleanor Horowitz	Student, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR	Teaching biology and conservation to students in a New York ghetto
1971	Brian F. Hunter	Research Pathologist, CA Fish & Game, Sacramento, CA	Botulism in Waterfowl, a progress report
1972	John Siedensticker	ID Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Moscow, ID	Radio tracking of mountain lions
1973	J. Michael Scott	Student, Zoology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR	Resource allocation among four synoptic species of marine diving birds
1974	Walt Weber	OSWC, Seaside, OR	Life history of Siletz R. summer steelhead
1975	Evelyn Bull	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	Pileated woodpeckers and forest management
1976	Frank Newton	ODFW, Portland, OR	Oregon steel shot evaluation program
1977	Steve Cross	Department of Biology, SOC, Ashland, OR	Habitat use and preference of bats
1978	Walt Van Dyke	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	Steens Mountain Bighorns
1979	Wayne E. Melquist	ID Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Moscow, ID	Ecology of river otter in west central Idaho
1980	Ruth Wilson	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	Snowy plover nesting ecology on the Oregon coast

1981	Eric Forsman	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	Biology of spotted owls
1982	No award given		
1983	Robert L. Jarvis	Asst. Prof., Fisheries and Wildlife, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Canada geese in western Oregon: too many, too few
1984	George Keister	Research Biologist, ODFW, Burns, OR	Modeling of pronghorn population
1986	No award given		
1987	Clifford Hamilton	ODFW, Portland, OR	User trends, social change and traditional approaches: can they coexist?
1988	David Johnson	USFWS	Habitat classification and monitoring at Malheur NWR
1989	Mitchell J. Willis	ODFW, Burns, OR	Effects of coyote removal on pronghorn fawn survival
1990	Robin Brown	Marine Mammal Biologist, ODFW, Newport, OR	Northern sea lions in Oregon and Washington
1991	Mike Walker	Bureau of Land Management, LaGrande, OR	Long-term management of the desert tortoise
1992	Stan Gregory	Professor, Wildlife and Fisheries, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Beneath rivers - the hyporheic zone
1993	Dr. Valerius Geist	University of Calgary, Calgary, AL, Canada	On game ranching and North America's continental system of wildlife conservation
1994	Dr. Evelyn Bull	Research Biologist, USFW, LaGrande, OR	Effects of logging on tailed frog populations in Northeastern Oregon
1995	No award given		
1996	Rebecca Thompson	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Home range and habitat use of western red-backed voles in managed Douglas-fir stands in the Southern Oregon Cascades

1997	Carmen Thomas	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Environmental contaminants and next attendance in great blue herons from the Columbia and Willamette Rivers
1998	Edward E. Bangs	USFWS, Helena, MT	Restoration of gray wolves in Montana, Idaho, and Wyoming
1999	Russ Morgan	ODFW, Heppner, OR	Relative abundance and habitat associations of grassland birds in six shrub-steppe habitat types of Oregon's Columbia Plateau
2000	Rex Sallabanks		Five-year response of forest bird communities to wildfire in the Blue Mountains
2001	Don Lyons	Oregon State University	Diet and bioenergetics of double-crested cormorants in the Columbia River Estuary
2002	Joan Hagar	Pacific Wildlife Research	Songbird assemblages in oak woodlands of the Willamette Valley, Oregon
2003	Jack Mortenson	USDA	Disease surveillance sampling strategies
2005	Mark Huff	USFS	Monitoring forest structure following fire in the central Oregon Cascades range
2006	Joshua Halofsky	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	The Relative Influence of Wolves Versus Other Factors on Historic Aspen Recruitment in Yellowstone National Park
2007	Dave Pilliod	USGS-Forest and Rangeland Ecosystems Science Center, Boise, ID	Spatial Distribution of the Amphibian Chytrid Fungus at Boreal Toad Breeding Sites in the Rocky Mountains, USA
2008	Nathan Schwab	ABR	Roost-site selection after wildland fire for two insectivorous bat species (<i>Myotis evotis</i> and <i>Myotis lucifugus</i>) in mid-elevation forests of western Montana.
2009	Katie Moriarty	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Wolverine Confirmation in California after Nearly a Century
2010	Leslie Bliss-Ketchum	Grad Student, PSU, Portland	The Effectiveness of Vertebrate Passage and Prevention Structures: Boeckman Road, Wilsonville

2011	David Ausband	Montana Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, University of Montana, Missoula, MT	Using a biofence to manipulate wolf pack movements
2012	Keith Aubry	USDA Forest Service, Pacific Northwest Research Station, Olympia, WA	The Cascade red fox: Pleistocene zoogeography, evolutionary relations, and conservation status.
2013	Robert Wielgus		Effects of Sport Hunting on Cougar Population, Community, and Landscape Ecology.
2014	Meghan Martin	Oregon Zoo	The role of familiarity and preference in reproductive success ex situ breeding programs
2015	Thomas Stokely	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Herbivory, herbicides, and plant community characteristics in the Oregon Coast Range
2016	Steven Clark	Clark College	The Columbia River Gorge, Its Microclimates, Vegetation, and Wildlife as a Mesocosm for Understanding Constraints at Range Edges.
2017	Clint Epps	Oregon State University	Understanding links among bighorn sheep populations and implications for disease spread.
2018	Johnathon Gallie	Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife	Fire, Fragmentation, and the Farmbill: Unique Development and Challenges in the Recovery of Columbia Basin Pygmy Rabbits.
2019	Brian Woodbridge	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	Modeling seasonal distribution and density of golden eagles in the western U.S. to support conservation planning and risk assessment
2020	Jamie Bowles	Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife	Sierra Nevada red fox study in Oregon: preliminary findings 2016-2019
2021	No Nominees		
2022	No Nominees		
2023	No Nominees		

2024	Mark Kerstens	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Quantifying parental care of a fire-associated keystone species in green and burned forest
2025	No Nominees		
2026	Wes Binder	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Multi-carnivore Interactions in Yellowstone National Park

Les Eberhardt Award

The Les Eberhardt Award is granted to the presenter of the best student paper given at the annual chapter meeting. The information presented must have been obtained and developed as a student. The name of this recipient is added to the Oregon Chapter TWS Eberhardt Award Plaque (kept at Nash Hall, Oregon State University). Approved 1993.

Year	Recipient	Position and Location	Title of Presentation
1994	Eric Schauber	Grad Student, Wildlife Science, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Effects of azinpho-methyl and habitat alterations on a small mammal in field enclosures
1996	Rebecca Thompson	Grad Student, Wildlife Science, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Recoilless cannon net trapping application and use on Malheur National Wildlife Refuge
1997	Carmen Thomas	Grad Student, Wildlife Science, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Environmental contaminants and nest attendance in great blue herons from the Columbia and Willamette Rivers
1998	L.M. Aker	Eastern Wash. Univ., Cheney, WA	The effects of fish on amphibian populations in Northeast Washington
1999	Daniel Lipe	Undergrad student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Juvenile dispersal and survival of American dippers
2000	Don Lyons	Oregon State University	Foraging patterns of caspian terns in the Columbia River
2001	Don Lyons	Oregon State University	Diet and bioenergetics of double-crested cormorants in the Columbia River Estuary
2002	John Luginbuhl	University of Washington	Relative effects of local versus landscape features on the risk of marbled murrelet predation
2003	Andrea Laliberte	Oregon State University	Hunters and the hunted: Human influence on wildlife along the Lewis and Clark Trail
2004	Paige Fischer	Oregon State University	Family forest owner conceptions of biodiversity in the Oregon white oak (<i>Quercus garyanna</i>) ecotype of western Oregon

2005	Stephanie Wessell		Effects of thinning on microclimate, plants and low mobility animals on managed Oregon forests
	Denim Jochimsen		Road effects on amphibians and reptiles: A literature review and results from a case study on the Eastern Snake River plain
2006	Joshua Halofsky	Oregon State University	The Relative Influence of Wolves Versus Other Factors on Historic Aspen Recruitment in Yellowstone National Park
2007	Laurie Dizney	Portland State University	Healthy Ecosystems are good for your health
2008	Trevor Sheffels	Portland State University	Report on nutria management and research in the Pacific Northwest
2009	Katie Moriarty	Oregon State University	Wolverine Confirmation in California after Nearly a Century
2010	Leslie Bliss-Ketchum	Portland State University	The Effectiveness of Vertebrate Passage and Prevention Structures: Boeckman Road, Wilsonville”
2011	Julia Ruppell & Diana Dishman (tie)	Portland State University	Ruppell: Ecology of Crested Gibbons in Laos; Dishman: Genetic substructure of Pacific harbor seal (<i>Phoca vitulina richardsi</i>) populations along the coasts of Washington and Oregon
2012	Rhea Hanselmann	Oregon State University	Intensive forest management affects disease in wildlife: Patterns of Sin Nombre virus infection and gastrointestinal parasitism in wild deer mice (<i>Peromyscus maniculatus</i>).
2013	Leslie Parks	Western Washington University	Mountain Goat Population Connectivity in the Cascade Range of Washington and Southern British Columbia.
2014	Meghan Martin		The Role of Familiarity and Preference in Reproductive Success in Ex Situ Breeding Programs
2015	Thomas Stokely	Grad Student, OSU, Corvallis, OR	Herbivory, herbicides, and plant community characteristics in the Oregon Coast Range

2016	Kyle Tidwell	Portland State University	Anti-Predator Behavior of Oregon Spotted Frogs and American Bullfrogs: How Flight Initiation Distances Change with Ontogeny.
2017	Lorelle Sherman	Oregon State University	Distribution and habitat associations of purple martins in early seral forest habitats of western Oregon.
2018	Brian Tanis	Oregon State University	The Changing Landscape of Predator Interactions Diet Shifts, and Meso Predator Release at a Continental Scale.
2019	Andrew Olsen	Oregon State University	Trees, chainsaws, and grouse: increasing usable space for Sage-grouse with conifer removal
2020	Marie Tosa	Oregon State University	Can we estimate the abundance of small mammals with camera traps?
2021	No Nominees		
2022	No Nominees		
2023	No Nominees		
2024	Cara Appel	Oregon State University	A computer vision model to classify camera trap images from western Oregon
2025	Salix Scoresby	Northern Arizona University	Understanding the full-taxa diet of Sierra Nevada red foxes through fecal DNA metabarcoding
2026	Mackenzie McCoy	Oregon State University	Nest Side Story: survival, movement and dispersal of Red Tree Voles in managed young forests of Oregon

David B. Marshall Award

This award recognizes an individual for outstanding contributions and accomplishments in wildlife research, management, education, law enforcement, or public service. Individuals are acknowledged for promoting the advancement of science, the principles of ecology, and the goals of The Wildlife Society by advocating sound wildlife stewardship. Nominee's actions must have resulted in significant contributions in the conservation and increased long-term security of wildlife populations, wildlife habitats, and natural resource values within the State of Oregon.

Originally established as the Lifetime Achievement Award in 1967. Name changed in 2007.

Year	Recipient	Position and Location	Acknowledgement
1977	Howard M. Wight	Presented posthumously. Former leader of Oregon Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	
1980	Jack Ward Thomas	Director, PNW Forest and Range Experimental Station, LaGrande, OR	
1981	Joseph P. Mazzoni	Refuge Manager, Malheur NWR, Burns, OR	
1982	Lee W. Kuhn	Professor emeritus, Fisheries and Wildlife, OSU, Corvallis, OR.	
1985	Chris Maser	BLM and Forest Sciences Lab, Corvallis, OR.	
1988	Thomas S. Drynan	Captain, OR State Police, Salem, OR.	
1990	Donovin Leckenby	Wildlife Biologist, ODFW, Portland, OR	
1991	Charles Meslow	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	
1992	Charlie Bruce	Wildlife Biologist, ODFW, Corvallis, OR	
1993	Dave Marshall	Wildlife Biologist, Retired USFWS and private consultant, Portland, OR	
1994	Bruce Marcot	PNW Research, USFS, Portland, OR	
1994	Dick Holthausen	National Wildlife Ecol. USFS, Portland, OR	
1995	Mark Henjum	Wildlife Biologist, ODFW, LaGrande, OR	
1996	Frank Isaacs	OR Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	

1996	Bob Anderson	Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Tacoma, WA	
1996	Chris Sokol	Weyerhaeuser Corporation, Klamath Falls, OR	
1997	Evelyn Bull	Research Biologist, USFS, LaGrande, OR	
1998	Steve Cross	Southern Oregon State College	
1999	Char Corkran	Northwest Ecological Research Institute	
2000	Dr. Robert Anthony	Oregon State University	
2001	Dr. Robert Jarvis	Oregon State University	
2002	Mark Stern	The Nature Conservancy	
2002	John Crawford	Oregon State University	
2003	Dan Edge	Oregon State University	
2004	Eric Forsman	USFS, PNW Research Lab, Corvallis	
2005	Rebecca Goggans	Oregon State University	
2006	Joe Lint	BLM	
2007	Burr Betts	Eastern Oregon University	In recognition of a 30 year career of outstanding achievements in wildlife research and education in the biological sciences.
2008	Robert Mace	Presented posthumously. Worked for ODFW. Coined the phrase 'watchable wildlife.'	In recognition of a career dedicated to providing a richer legacy of wildlife and an enduring system for conserving that legacy.
2009	Warren Aney		
2010	Dr. Peter Paquet	Manager of Wildlife and Resident Fish for the Northwest Power and Conservation Council	
2011	Daniel Roby	USGS, Oregon Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit, Corvallis, OR	In recognition of his major contributions in wildlife research, management, conservation and education through his numerous studies on fish-eating birds.

2012	Carolyn Palermo	BLM, North Bend, OR	For a lifetime dedicated to understanding, protection, and enjoyment of Oregon's wildlife and habitats.
2013	Sarah Madsen		Recognized for her outstanding contributions and accomplishments in wildlife research, management, and public service.
2014	Pat Ormsbee	USFS (retired)	Dedication to Oregon's wildlife, her many accomplishments, and her years of service clearly make her an outstanding and deserving candidate.
2015	Vic Coggins	ODFW (retired)	Inspiring career of service promoting the conservation of big game and nongame wildlife species in Oregon.
2016	Bruce Johnson	ODFW (retired)	For an inspiring career of service promoting the research of big game wildlife species in Oregon.
2017	Russ Morgan	ODFW, La Grande, OR	For his lifelong career enhancing OR wildlife, specifically his work with wolves.
2019	Mary Rowland	U.S. Forest Service, LaGrande, OR	For a lifetime career of service to the Wildlife Society and to wildlife research and management, studying and assessing varied land use effects on habitats and population of over 90 vertebrates of conservation concern and focal species in the western United States
2020	Jim Harper	BLM, Medford district (retired)	For his tireless lifetime of work (especially on the inventory and monitoring of raptors), and his personal dedication to wildlife conservation.
2021	Mike Wisdom	U.S. Forest Service, LaGrande, OR	For a lifetime of innovation in wildlife research, especially for the past decade at the Starkey Experimental Forest, and for his dedication to providing resources and information to resource specialists, land managers, and policy makers alike.

2022	Carl Scheeler	Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation	For over 33 years of promoting responsible stewardship of our natural resources across a broad range of species and habitats.
2023	Bob Sallinger	Portland Audubon Society	Since the early 1990's, Bob Sallinger has been a leading conservation advocate for birds and wildlife throughout all of Oregon, protecting old growth forests for murrelets, advocating for water at National Wildlife Refuges and shaping local policy and land use to benefit birds, working tirelessly to achieve tangible outcomes supported by both urban and rural stakeholders and policy makers, while carrying a warmth and endless persistence to mission admired by all who work with him.
2024	Kevin Blakely	ODFW	Kevin's entire career has embodied the mission of The Wildlife Society as he himself has worked to sustain a diversity of wildlife populations and habitats through science-based management and conservation but also consciously inspired, empowered, and enabled wildlife professionals to do the same. Having worked both in the field and in public agency administration, his experiences are uniquely both wide and deep as he has dabbled in research and education, population conservation and management, habitat management, public policy, public engagement, law enforcement, and business administration. He has served as a model wildlife professional but more importantly, an advocate for the profession and its professionals.
2025	No nominees		
2026	Jim Thrailkill & Cheryl Freisen		Jim and Cheryl have been pillars of wildlife stewardship in Oregon throughout his career through his work on northern spotted owl research, serving as the spotted owl specialist and regional supervisor for

the USFWS regional office in Roseburg, and serving as president and board member of ORTWS.

Outstanding Service Award

This award recognizes outstanding contributions in wildlife management in the past year. Individuals may be recognized for contributions in research, management, conservation, public involvement, education, or law enforcement. Approved 1982.

Year	Recipient	Title
1983	Vic Mason	Retired, S.W. Region ODFW
1985	Evelyn Bull	Research Biologist USFS, LaGrande
1986	Richard S. Rogers	Wildlife Biologist, USFW, Portland
1988	Ralph Opp	District Biologist, ODFW, Klamath Falls
1988	Wayne Elmore	Wildlife Biologist, BLM, Prineville
1989	Frank Isaacs	Research Asstistant, OSU, Corvallis
1990	Vic Coggins	District Biologist, ODFW, Enterprise
1990	Lt. Gerald DelFatti	Game Law Enforcement, OSP
1991	Chuck Trainer	Wildlife Biologist, ODFW, Corvallis
1992	Bill Neitro	OR Wildlife Program Leader, BLM, Portland
1992	Lt. Darin Parker	Game law Enforcement, OSP
1993	Grant Gunderson	T&E Program Leader, USFS, Portland
1993	Char Corkran	Wildlife Consultant, Portland
1993	Gene Silovsky	Wildlife Biologist, ODFW, Portland
1993	Kathy Durbin	Environmental Reporter, Oregonian, Portland
1994	Sally Olson-Edge	Wildlife Consultant, Corvallis
1994	Jeff Boechler	ODFW

1994	Dave McAllister	ODFW
1994	Walt Devaurs	BLM, Biologist, Lakeview District
1994	Barry Reiswig	Project Leader, USFWS, Sheldon Hart Mt. Refuge Complex
1995	Jim Thraikill	Wildlife Research, OSU, Corvallis, OR
1996	Bob Anthony	Professor of Wildlife Science, OSU, Corvallis
1996	Larry Mangan	District Biologist, BLM, Coos Bay
1997	Cheryl Friesen	Wildlife Biologist, USFS, McKenzie R.D.
1997	Jim Thraikill	Wildlife Biologist, Coop Unit OSU, Corvallis
1997	Torolf Torgersen	Research Bio. USFS, LaGrande
1997	Anna Torgersen	Editor/writer, LaGrande
1998	John Loegering	Oregon State University
1999	Kate Boula	Wildlife Biologist, USFS, Umatilla National Forest
2000	Robert Jarvis	Professor of Wildlife Ecology, Dept of Fisheries and Wildlife, OSU
2001	Cheryl Friesen	Wildlife Biologist, USFS, McKenzie R.D.
2002	James Ward	
2003	Dave Kennedy Warren Aney	Past President Legislative Affairs
2004	Kat Beal	ACE
2005	Mark Henjum	ODFW
2006	Holly Michael on behalf of ODFW	ODFW Wildlife Conservation Strategy Team

2007	Peg Boulay	ODFW; for finding common ground among diverse stakeholders and creating a consistent, accountable
2008	Mark Sytsma and Arick Rouhe	Portland State University - Feral Swine Action Plan
2009	No nominations received	
2010	Russ Morgan	ODFW, Oregon's Wolf Coordinator
2011	Katie Moriarty	Oregon State University, in recognition of her being exceptionally active in serving her profession at local, state, regional, and national levels for a number of years.
2012	The Starkey Ungulate Team - Priscilla Coe, John Cook, Rachel Cook, Bruce Johnson, Mary Rowland, Marty Vavra, and Mike Wisdom	In recognition of their efforts, accomplishments, and dedication in serving the profession, including developing, publishing and providing training on new elk habitat use models for Western Oregon and Washington
2013	Dana Sanchez	Recognized for her outstanding contributions for increasing diversity in the wildlife professional community.
2014	No nominations received	
2015	Senior Troopers James Hayes and Darin Bean	Recognized for their outstanding contributions to wildlife protection and enhancement through law enforcement.
2016	Kathleen A Castelein and David J. Lauten	Recognized for outstanding contributions to Western Snowy Plover protection and enhancement through conservation
2017	Lynn Thompkins – Blue Mountain Wildlife	For her dedicated effort in wildlife rehabilitation and work with lead toxicity.
2018	Eleanor Gaines	For her contributions to Western Snowy Plover protection and enhancement through conservation and research.
2019	John Goodell	For his dedicated career as a curator of natural history and efforts to communicate complex ecological information to varying audiences.

2020	Tim Greseth	For his work with the Oregon Wildlife Foundation, building relationships and creating opportunities to tackle important fish and wildlife conservation issues in Oregon.
2021	No nominations received	
2022	Carter Crouch	For his drive and dedication to making eastern Oregon a better place for wildlife through research and collaboration with other agencies.
2023	No Nominees	
2024	Deputy DA Melissa LeRitz	Poaching, wildlife trafficking, and other wildlife crimes negatively affect wildlife species populations, the livelihoods of people that depend on wildlife for food security, and biological diversity across the landscape. In addition to harming species through population losses, wildlife overexploitation can cause long term ecological problems such as creating sex-ratio imbalances and slowing the reproduction rate of vulnerable species (2019 UNODC). Through the cases she prosecutes, DDA LeRitz holds poachers accountable for their actions and sends a message that poaching will not be tolerated in Oregon and there are real consequences for committing wildlife crimes. The fact that she has been named Wildlife Prosecutor of the Year by OSP Fish & Wildlife Division twice indicates that her participation in holding poachers accountable has made lasting positive impacts towards wildlife conservation. DDA LeRitz is deserving of this award because she recognizes that wildlife belongs to all of us in Oregon, and she takes action to ensure that when hunting laws are broken, it affects us all.
2025	No Nominees	
2026	Prineville OSP Wildlife Division	The OSP Wildlife Division troopers that cover the Prineville district consistently go above and beyond to address wildlife-related law enforcement issues and to collaborate with the ODFW office in protecting our wildlife resources.

Private Landowner Stewardship Award

This civic award recognizes private landowners for implementing positive wildlife conservation programs or actions on their land in conjunction with their commercial operation. Approved 1996.

Year	Recipient	Title
1997	Ted & Harriet Gahr	McMinnville Farmer, managing for wetlands
1998	No nominations received	
1999	No nominations received	
2000	Adam Novick and family Beyer Tree Farm/Demaris Ranch	Conservation of oak savannah habitats in the Willamette Valley Restoration of riparian habitats
2001	Dave and Margee Buchanon	Tyee Winery; management for protection of natural diversity
2002	Doc and Connie Hatfield	Hatfield's High Desert Ranch; economical and environmentally sound ranching
2003	Peter Hrebec	Thunder Ranch, Oakridge; restoration of native prairie, oak savanna, wetlands, and ponds
2004	Mark and Jolly Krautman	Conserving native oak woodlands and riparian habitats
2005	Dale Bergy	For dedication to protecting and restoring Willamette Valley wetlands
2006	Peter and Pam Hayes of Hyla Farms	
2007	Ken and Karin Faulk	For management of their timbered property to meet both conservation and economic goals and Ken's participation on the Oregon Conservation Strategy stakeholders advisory committee
2008	Forest Capital Partners	For making the conservation of biological diversity an essential element of their wildlife management practices.
2009	Jim and Sandy LeTourneux	
2010	Art Johnson	

2011	Allan Branscomb	An outstanding steward and is active in many efforts to promote sound science and wildlife conservation
2012	Matt Hane, Josh R. Johnson, A.J. Kroll, Michael Rochelle of Weyerhaeuser Company	Their research efforts to better understand the effects of commercial forest management on forest-dwelling wildlife
2013	Mark Gourley on behalf of Starker Forests	Starker Forests was recognized for their long standing commitment to sustainable forestry management and a successful wildlife habitat management program.
2014	Bill and Joan Arsenault Paradise Creek Ranch	Commitment to sustainable forestry and wildlife habitat on private lands near Elkton, Oregon
2015	Marie Gale, Chandler Family Ranch	Taking significant actions to improve habitat for terrestrial and aquatic wildlife within the context of their commercial timber management. In addition, the family has shared their land and their experiences through various means to the public and to fellow landowners.
2016	Duck Pond Cellars: Fries Family Wines	For extraordinary achievements managing private lands in a manner that preserves and improves habitats for Oregon fish and wildlife.
2017	North Slope Ranches – Chris and Donna Heffernan	For outstanding land stewardship work on their working forest lands on NE Oregon.
2018	Trappist Abbey	For the extraordinary land management practices preserving and enhancing oak and riparian habitats on their property in Carlton, OR.
2019	Jud Parsons	For working as a lifetime advocate of private working land conservation with a special interest in protecting wildlife in Southern Oregon.
2020	No nominations received	
2021	No nominations received	
2022	Jim and Jane Russell	For their outstanding stewardship of their own blueberry farm and timber plantation. As well as their work with the Environmental Leadership Program and the McKenzie Watershed Council.
2023	No nominees	

2024	No nominees	
2025	No nominees	
2026	Dry Fly Management Company	Ryder Redfield and the other staff at Dry Fly Management Company have been incredible conservation and community partners, benefitting numerous wildlife species, and dreaming big to do more great things for wildlife.

Conservation Award

This civic award acknowledges individuals, city or county agencies, corporations, or conservation organizations for demonstrating ongoing, positive wildlife conservation or advocacy efforts. Approved 1996.

Year	Recipient	Title
1997	David Fouts	Citizen creating/maintaining habitat for purple martin
1998	Governor John Kitzhaber and the Natural Resources and Watershed Teams	Leadership and collaborative management efforts to promote the conservation of Oregon's natural resources
1999	Bob and Phyllis Mace	Dedication to Oregon's watchable wildlife resources
2000	Ted Molinari	Development of Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Program
2001	Russ Pinto	Director of Land Conservation of the Oregon Office of The Nature Conservancy
2002	The High Desert Museum	
2003	Sara Vickerman	Defenders of Wildlife
2004	Klamath Basin Audubon Society Ralph and Charlotte Opp	Klamath Basin Bald Eagle Conference
2005	Joe Burnett	Oregon Zoo: California Condor Recovery Program
2006	ODOT and Portland Audubon	Peregrine Falcon recovery
2007	Hells Canyon Bighorn Restoration Committee	With the specific goal of restoring healthy, self-sustaining Rocky Mountain bighorn sheep populations in the Hells Canyon area, the Committee has effectively removed socio-political barriers and is able to focus management and research activities at the ecosystem level with respect to bighorn sheep
2008	No nominations received	
2009	Oregon Hunters Association	

2010	Diane Winterboer Susan Hansen	Wildlife biologist with Wildlife Services in the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service ODFW Wildlife Habitat Conservation and Management Plan (Sept. 2007)
2011	Paul Hammond	Curator, Arthropod Collection, OSU, in recognition of his tireless efforts to research, monitor, and advocate for butterfly species that are rare and declining throughout the West
2012	No nominations received	
2013	The Institute for Applied Ecology	For their grassland habitat conservation efforts.
2014	No nominations received	
2015	Harney County Sage-Grouse Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances (CCAA) Steering Committee	For their outstanding contributions to conservation. This informal grass roots group of interested landowners, organizations and agencies began meeting in May 2011 to investigate the benefits and requirements of Oregon's first sage grouse CCAA.
2016	The Western Snowy Plover Working Team	In recognition of the private citizens and organizations who have diligently worked to advance and sustain community based stewardship to protect, maintain and enhance Western Snowy Plover populations.
2017	Bob Bastian	For his tireless efforts to raise funding to improve habitat for elk and other wildlife across Oregon.
2018	Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA)	In recognition of the organization's efforts to protect, maintain and enhance Oregon's high desert ecosystems.
2019	Mark Penninger	For his entire career spent working tirelessly to conserve wildlife and restore habitats, build partnerships, and mentor generations of wildlife biologists in Oregon.
2020	Monty Gregg	For his tireless advocacy furthering collaborative conservation projects in Oregon.
2021	Todd Forbes, Jami Ludwig, Kate Yates (Lakeview BLM)	For their dedication to wildlife management, and ability to solve natural resource issues in an open / objective forum.
2022	Cheryl Friesen, USFS	In recognition of her legacy of translating science into management relevant conservation actions to inform restoration and recovery planning in forested ecosystems in Oregon.

2023	Clark College	For demonstrating ongoing, positive wildlife conservation or advocacy efforts to get certified as a Bee Campus. This is a conservation initiative sponsored by the Xerces Society that certifies campuses for 1) planting native flower beds for native bees, 2) establishing nesting habitat on campus for native bees, 3) create educational offerings related to native bee ecology and conservation and 4) sharing Bee Campus with the community.
	Minam Property Acquisition [a team of individuals], Bill Richardson - Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Jon Paustian - Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, and Steve McClelland - Manulife Investment Management	In late 2023, Phase II of the Minam River Acquisition Project was completed. This two-phase effort added 15,573 acres to the Minam River Wildlife Area and protects overwintering deer and elk herds, including an elk herd numbering 1,400. The project area improves habitat connectivity, serves as transitional and migration range for elk, mule deer and other species, and includes 114 miles of riparian habitat that benefits Snake River spring/summer run Chinook salmon (federal and state threatened), Snake River Basin Steelhead (federal threatened), Grande Ronde bull trout (federal threatened) and Pacific lamprey (state sensitive). Perhaps one of the most impressive demonstrations of the positive wildlife conservation benefit of the project, ODFW and tribal co-managers documented coho salmon redds in the Minam River in 2021, after a 40-year absence.
	Jacqueline Cupples, USFWS	Jackie has advanced wildlife conservation through her work co-developing the Threat Based Land Management decision framework for uplands and riparian systems, and through her proactive leadership in initiating a research project on the use of communication towers by avian predators of the sage-grouse to improve siting and mitigation of future projects. Threat based land management: Due to extensive habitat loss and population declines, sage-grouse occupy about half of their historical range in the U.S. and Canada.
2026	Metolius Mule Deer Winter Range Land Acquisition Sub-group	This group epitomizes collaboration and teamwork. The subgroup was formed in 2021 as an offshoot of the Portland General Electric (PGE) Terrestrial Resources Working Group at the Pelton Round Butte Project in central Oregon. The working group had been discussing the crucial importance of the Metolius winter range and began brainstorming ideas about how to conserve this nationally recognized critical habitat. As a result, the subgroup was formed from those on the working group who had an interest in trying to find a solution to protecting the winter range from further fragmentation and development.

Conservation Policy Award

This civic award acknowledges legislators, policy professionals, individuals, or entities who demonstrate leadership in advancing local, state, and/or federal policy(s) that benefit wildlife conservation in the state of Oregon. Approved 2018.

Year	Recipient	Title
2019	Ken Helm	Representative, Oregon State Legislature
2020	Mark Labhart	ODFW Commissioner
2021	Robert Bailey	President, Elakha Alliance
2022	No Nominees	
2023	No Nominees	
2024	No Nominees	
2025	No Nominees	
2026	The Oregon Bee Project	The Oregon Bee Project deserves this award for its transformational contributions to pollinator conservation in 2024-2025, including launching the world's largest bee-plant interactive network (Melittoflora), establishing a five-year federal partnership for bee monitoring on National Wildlife Refuges, mobilizing citizen scientists who have collected 150,000 bee specimens documenting approximately 800 species, surveying for invasive hornets and bee pests, and continuing to lead national efforts in pesticide applicator education and habitat enhancement—achievements that position Oregon as an international leader in science-based pollinator conservation.