

## Final Report to Oregon Wildlife Society

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During spring 2026, Forests Today & Forever provided hands-on wildlife education to 997 middle school students through our Forest Field Days program, with an additional 500 students scheduled to participate in fall 2026. With support from ORTWS, we purchased new educational resources, including signage, a skull replica, and a hand lens, to enhance the Wildlife Station. Students worked with wildlife professionals and trained volunteers to explore wildlife adaptations, identify tracks and scat, examine habitat, and learn about the interconnectedness of forest ecosystems through activities such as owl pellet dissections and hands-on examination of wildlife materials.

The interactive nature of the Wildlife Station continues to be a highlight for both students and teachers. Students demonstrate strong engagement and enthusiasm as they participate in hands-on activities, explore wildlife ecology, and develop a deeper appreciation for the species that depend on healthy forest ecosystems. ORTWS funding has helped us strengthen these learning experiences and provide meaningful opportunities for students to connect with wildlife, conservation, and forest stewardship.

*Note: the photos below highlight the three components of our Wildlife Station: owl pellet dissection, wildlife observation hike, and adaptations review using tracks, skulls, pelts, scat, etc. Purchases from this proposal supported all three sections of this lesson. Photos were taken by Forests Today & Forever.*



