



Vegetation Zones


Vegetation zones are areas with similar groups of plants.


 Western Hemlock Zone – Varied groups of plants occur depending on precipitation and elevation.


 Willamette Forest-Prairie Zone – Various forest, woodland, open savanna and prairie type groups of plants.


 Alpine Zone – These relatively small areas are found only at the highest elevations and consist of small plants and low-lying shrubs.


 Mixed Conifer and Broadleaf Forest Zone – This zone's plant groups have a mix of Oregon and Californian species.


 Cascade Subalpine Forest Zone – Open meadow and forests form patterns according to elevation and snowpack.

 Grand Fir and Douglas Fir Zone – The plant groups in this zone require only a moderate amount of water.

 Ponderosa Pine Zone – Drier than the fir zones, these plant groups consist of Ponderosas with woody shrub or grassland.

 Grasslands Zone – These areas have grassland plant groups with almost no trees or shrubs.

 Western Juniper Zone – These open woodlands have Juniper trees with desert shrubs or sagebrush plant groups.

 Big Sagebrush Zone – This large zone is dominated by sagebrush, with some other shrubs and grasses .

