

# WILDLIFE HABITATS

**Wildlife** are animals that live wild in an area. They may include mammals, birds, fish and even insects. An animal's **habitat** is the place where it gets everything it needs to live.

Oregon's forests are home to many kinds of wildlife. To learn about Oregon's forest wildlife and their forest habitats, do the following activities and answer the questions.



## Engage

Watch a two-minute video on Oregon's forest wildlife, [Forest Fact Break: Wildlife](#).

What are two factors that affect where forest animals live?

- 1.
- 2.

## Explore

1. Go outside to look for wildlife or signs of wildlife in your backyard, schoolyard, neighborhood or nearby park. Signs of wildlife are clues they leave that reveal they live there. Examples are footprints (tracks), eggshells, chewed leaves, droppings or bits of fur. **BE SURE TO CHECK WITH AN ADULT BEFORE HEADING OUT.**

2. What animals or signs of animals do you see when you:

Look up (at the sky or in trees)?

Look out (at eye level in trees and shrubs)?

Look down (on or under the ground)?

3. Choose one of the animals or signs, and describe how you think that animal gets the food it needs to live.

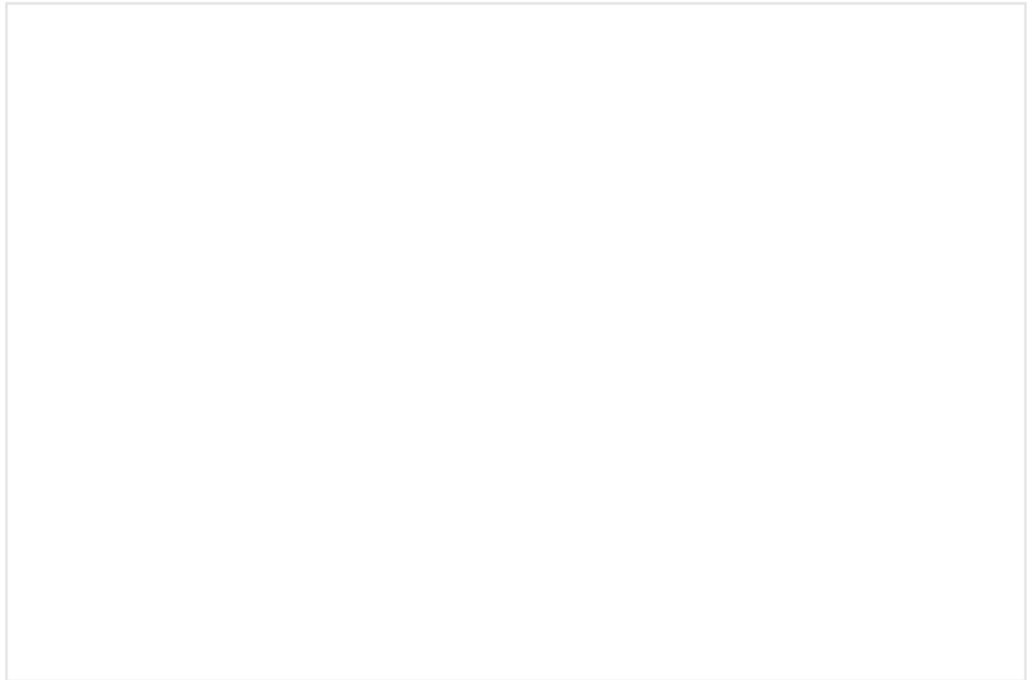
Animal or sign of animal:

How the animal gets its food:

What evidence supports your claim?

## Explain

1. Look at the [Wildlife of Oregon Forests](#) guide.
2. From the guide, choose an animal that lives in Oregon's forests, and in the space here or in your science journal, draw a picture of its habitat. Your drawing should include where it gets its food, water and shelter. It should also show how much space the animal needs to survive.



## Elaborate

Wildlife biologists study animals and their behaviors. Read a [case study about the fisher](#). What differences do you notice between historic and current ranges of the fisher on the map?

What does the evidence tell us about fisher range in Oregon?

In the past, fisher were hunted for their fur. What might be affecting fisher populations today?

What are some ways people can positively impact wildlife habitats?

## Evaluate

What is the most interesting thing you learned about Oregon's forest wildlife?