

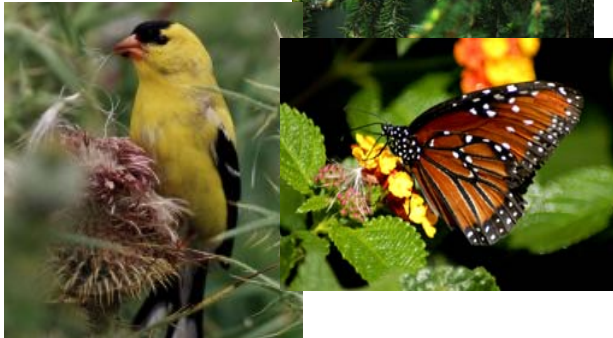
# WMSWCD can help answer questions about your woods!



## How can I attract wildlife to my property?

If you own a wooded property or a home site in West Multnomah County, you are providing a home to at least some wildlife.

Whether it be owls, hummingbirds or herons, there are many ways to encourage wildlife to visit your land.



Saw-whet owls, American goldfinch, Monarch butterfly

If you're interested in talking about the quality of wildlife habitat on your property, we offer free technical advice and would be happy to work with you.

## How do I get rid of invasive weeds?



Almost any woodland is going to have some undesirable plants, but here in Multnomah County, we have some weeds that we really need to watch out for.

Invasive weeds such as English ivy, Japanese knotweed, and garlic mustard can invade your property and spread quickly. They have the potential to push many or all of the natives out of the way as they spread, and English ivy can climb healthy native trees and kill them by choking them of sunlight.



Japanese knotweed

We recommend early detection of these plants followed by a phone call to our office so that we can help you get rid of them quickly.



## Are my trees healthy?

It's not uncommon for a woodland owner to wonder if their trees are healthy. We often hear questions like, "Do my trees look good?" or "Does the forest seem to be doing okay?" and these are great questions.



We welcome you to give us a call and request a site visit to walk the property and check things out.

We may identify potential opportunities to enhance your property such as planting trees, removing invasive species, protecting a creek, streambed or wetland, or accessing local markets for wood or other products.





## How do I plan the long-term health of my woods?

We encourage woodland owners to work with us to complete a stewardship plan for their property. These plans help landowners to consider what their objectives are for their land. It's a great exercise to look ahead and think about how you want your woodland to look in 5, 25, or 50 years.

A stewardship plan will detail the trees, soil, weeds, wildlife, and water resources that you currently have on your property and document the actions that you may wish to take in the future to manage these resources.



To ask questions or request assistance with your woodland, call Forest Conservationist Michael Ahr at 503/238-4775, ext. 109 or email him at [michael@wmswcd.org](mailto:michael@wmswcd.org).



## Who We Are

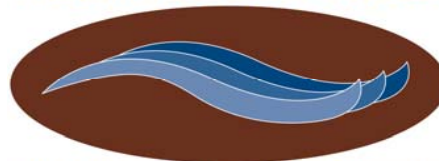
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Congress realized that only active, voluntary support from landowners would guarantee the success of conservation work on private land.

Oregon responded by creating districts that work hand-in-hand with private landowners, as well as state, tribal and federal agencies and local organizations to meet the needs of the landowner and achieve local, statewide and regional conservation objectives.

SWCDs are governed by a locally elected board of directors and accountable to citizens.

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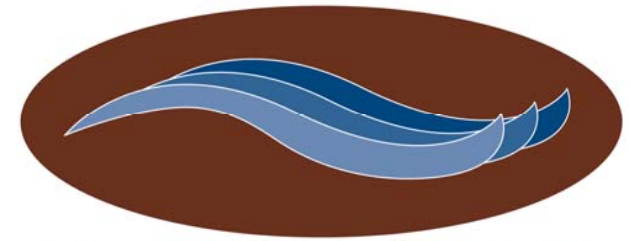
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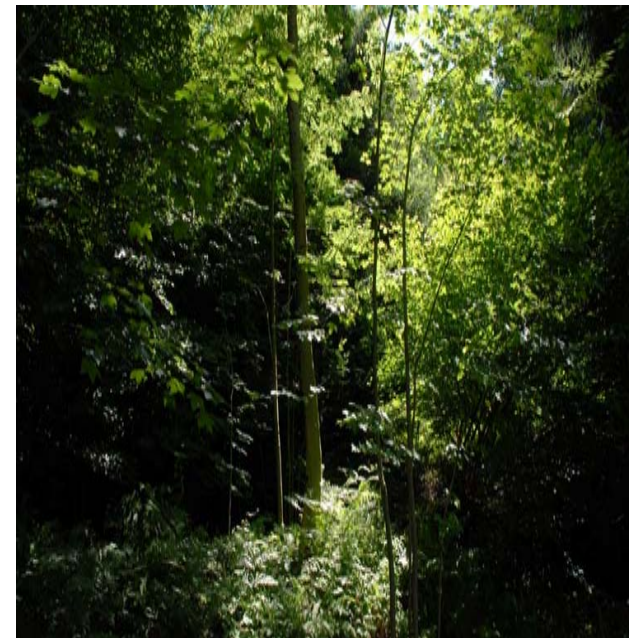
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