# Plant Communities of the Willamette Valley

#### Oak Savannah Community

- Open, with scattered trees
- Formerly common in Willamette Valley, now only remnants survive
- Bald Hill in early 1900's



## Oak Savannah Community

Looking southwest from Bald Hill



## Oak Savannah Community

Basket Butte (near Salem)



#### Coniferous Forest Community



- What we think of as typical "forest"
- In older forests, it's dark, with big, uneven aged trees
- Important wildlife habitat
  - Much more common in Willamette Valley now due to lack of burning

#### Coniferous Forest Community

Old growth coastal forest (Cape Perpetua, near Waldport)



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Coastal coniferous forest (Drift Creek wilderness, near Waldport)



#### Prairie Community



- Pristine prairies are very rare now
- Many small-scale restoration efforts are underway
- Most prairies are dominated by nonnative plants

# Prairie Community

Tufted Hairgrass stand at the entrance to Jackson-Frasier wetland in Corvallis



# Prairie Community

Grasses and wildflowers at Finley Wildlife Refuge, south of Corvallis



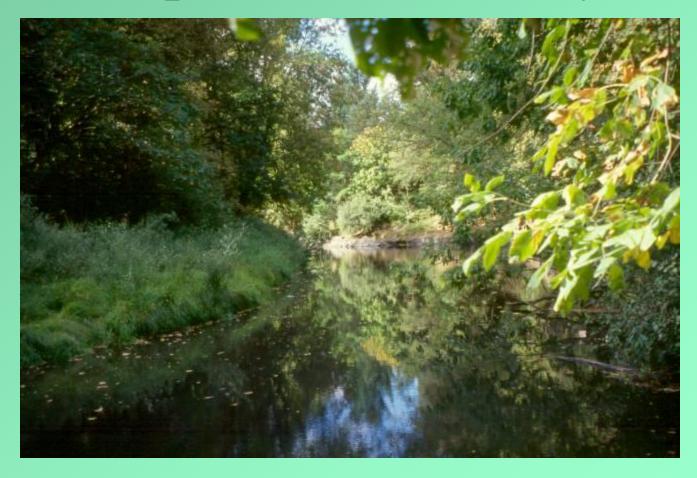
# Wetland / Riparian Community



- In areas with very moist soil (similar vegetation is found near streams and lakes)
- Lots of alder, ash, snowberry, horsetail, and other water-loving plants

## Wetland / Riparian Community

Mary's River near Avery Park in Corvallis



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Oak Creek, on OSU's campus (near the covered bridge)

