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

Controlled fire to manage oak savannah landscape



Oak Savannah Community

Finley Wildlife Refuge



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)



Coniferous Forest Community

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



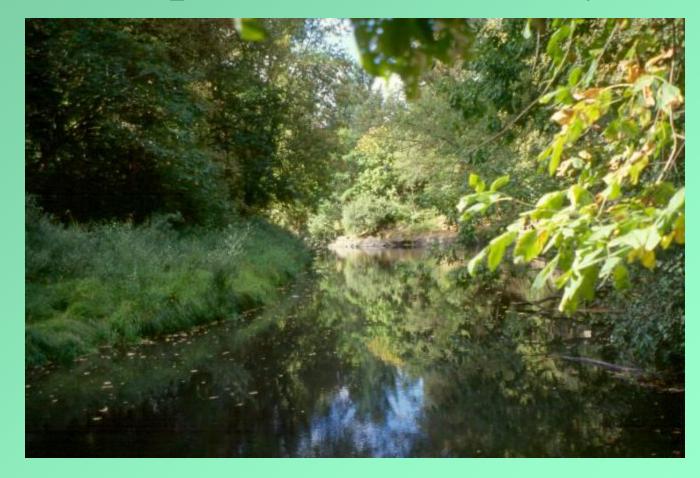
Wetland / Riparian Community



- Near streams, lakes and wetlands
- Lots of alder, ash, snowberry, horsetail, and other water-loving plants

Wetland / Riparian Community

Mary's River near Avery Park in Corvallis



Wetland / Riparian Community

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

