

Columbia Basin Palouse Prairie

This once-extensive grassland system occurs in eastern WA and OR, and west-central ID, though in very small patches there. Characteristic species are *Pseudoroegneria spicata* and *Festuca idahoensis* with *Hesperostipa comata*, *Achnatherum scribneri*, *Leymus condensatus*, *Leymus cinereus*, *Koeleria macrantha*, *Pascopyrum smithii*, or *Poa secunda*. Shrubs commonly found include *Amelanchier alnifolia*, *Rosa* spp., *Eriogonum* spp., *Symphoricarpos albus*, and *Crataegus douglasii*. Past land use and invasives have resulted in a massive conversion to agriculture or shrub-steppe and annual grasslands dominated by *Artemisia* spp. and *Bromus tectorum* or *Poa pratensis*.

Poor = very low cover, much bare ground, very low species diversity

Fair = moderate cover, some diversity including forbs

Good = diverse structure and forbs present