

Animal Habitat Facts

Portland Metro Area has **4 different types** of habitats where wildlife can be found: **urban, grassland, aquatic, and forest.**

- **Forest habitat:** Forested areas such as Hoyt Arboretum, Forest Park or your neighborhood park can host a variety of bird species. When visiting those areas remember to always look up in the trees to see what you can spot. You may even see a bobcat, elk, cougar, or black bear in local forest areas too. This thick tree cover is habitat those large mammals seek out.
- **Aquatic habitat:** Rivers, lakes and nearby habitats can be filled with frogs, salamanders, and migratory birds in the spring. Look for Western painted turtles basking on logs and dragonflies darting above the water.
- **Grassland habitat:** The rarest of city habitats in Portland supports the streaked horned lark and the Western meadowlark, Oregon's state bird. Watch for the colorful American kestrel hovering over a field hunting for its next meal. You may see deer where the grassland meets forest areas.
- **Urban habitat:** Wildlife live in even the most developed areas by using back yards, street trees, bridges, building ledges, utility poles, gardens and parks. From neighborhoods through downtown you can see bald eagles, great blue herons, peregrine falcons, and coyotes. At least seven species of bats thrive in Portland.



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