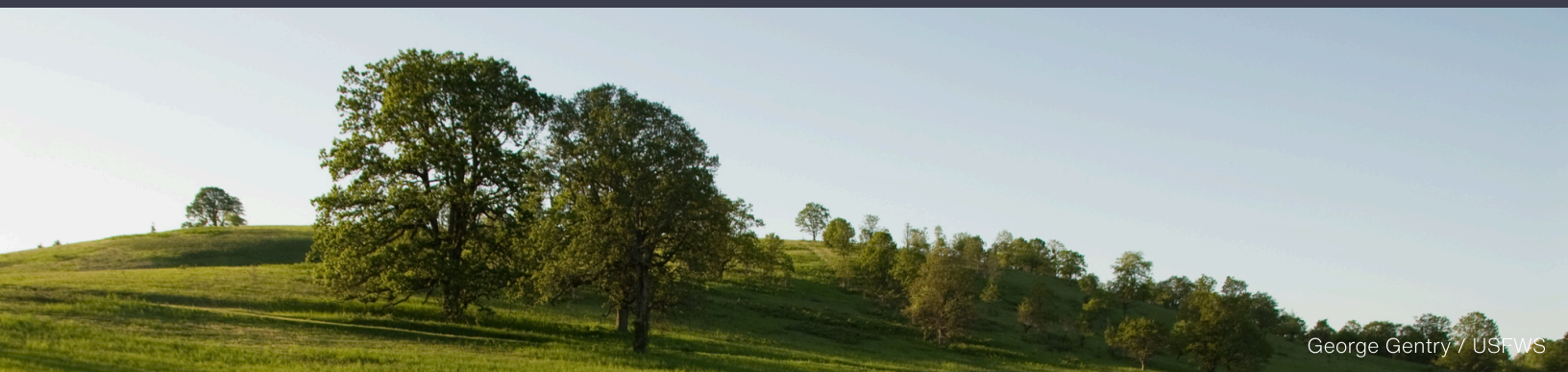




DECADE OF THE **OAK**



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WHAT IS THE DECADE OF THE OAK?

The Decade of the Oak is a decade-long, grassroots outreach initiative to build awareness and support for oak conservation. It is a celebration of oak trees and the many species that depend on them. It is also a call to action to help save and restore these critically important landscapes.

The goal of the Decade of the Oak is to educate, engage, and inspire people across the Pacific Northwest to value, care for, and restore oak landscapes.

From the lone oak tree in a backyard to the sweeping oak savannas that cover sunny hillsides, these gentle giants have stood their ground throughout the Pacific Northwest for hundreds of years.

But they need our help. Today, these are the landscapes are where most people in the Northwest live, farm, and recreate. As a result, these open meadows, tree-dotted savannas, and dense woodlands are disappearing at an alarming rate. **That is why we are calling on you to become an Oak Steward!**

OUR WHY - BY THE NUMBERS



46 SPECIES associated with oaks are Threatened or Endangered.



Oak trees grow slowly — it takes **100-200 YEARS** regrow an oak woodland.

300 SPECIES depend upon oak and prairie landscapes for habitat.






Oaks are a long-lived species — a tree can live up to **500 YEARS**.





GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF OAKS AND OAK STEWARDS

Anyone can be an Oak Steward. We have tools and resources that can help you get involved. You can host an event, take a classroom outside, or just plant your own oak tree. We encourage you to learn more about oaks and why they are important, and share your discoveries with your community!

 EDUCATORS	 FAMILIES	 PARKS
Learn about oak ecology and teach this in your classroom.	Protect oak trees on your property and plant acorns.	Develop brochures or fact sheets about oaks for visitors.
Plan a class field trip to an oak savanna or woodland.	Visit local parks and natural areas with oaks and prairies.	Plan events and programming about oak ecology.
Contribute to citizen science projects related to oaks through iNaturalist or eBird.	Volunteer on restoration projects with your local land trust or oak partnership.	Share how your organization or agency helps to conserve and restore oak habitat.

Decade of the Oak seeks to build public appreciation and support for the stewardship, policies, and investments needed to sustain oak landscapes for generations to come.



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