

A Word from WIN

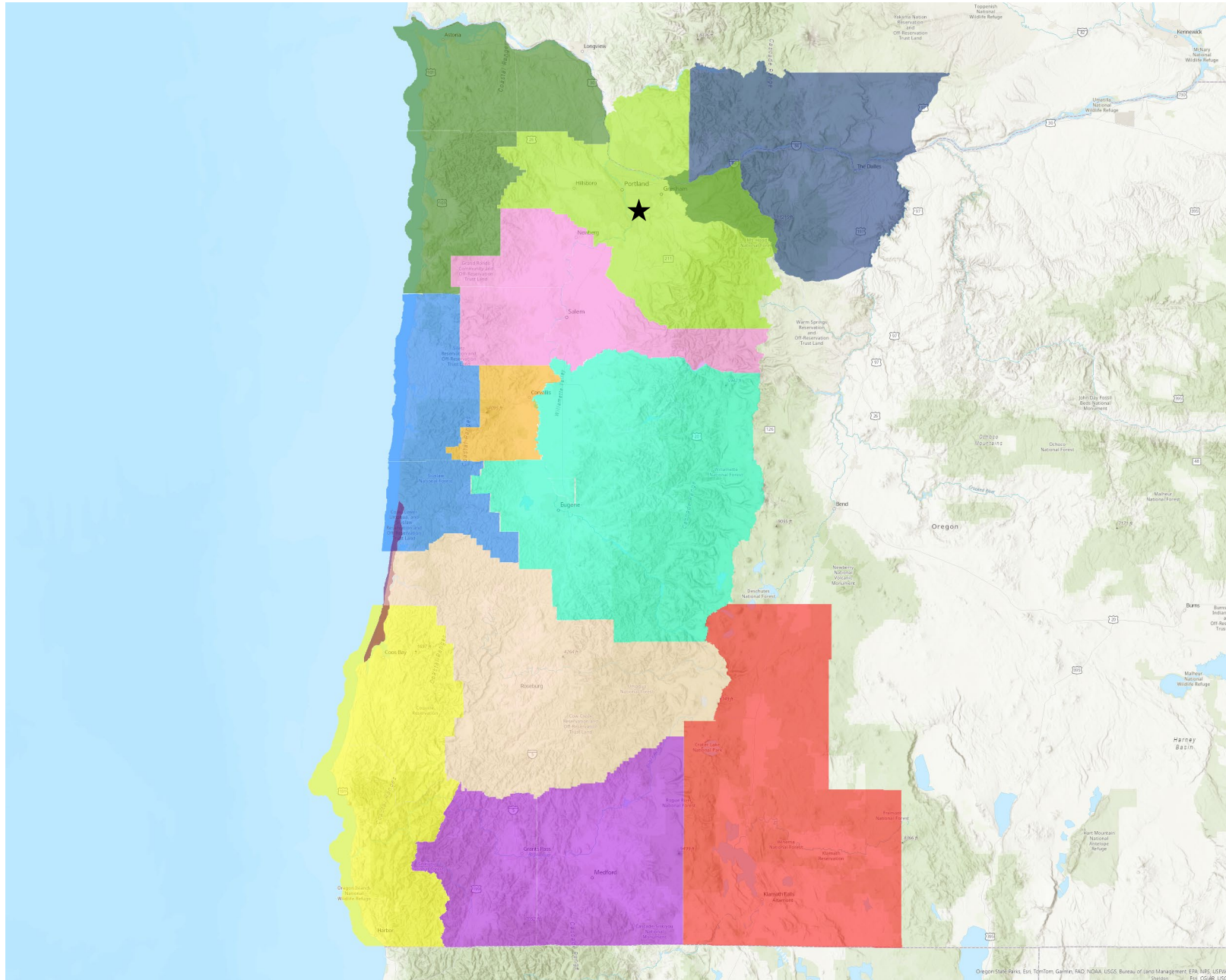
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Western Invasives Network (WIN)

- Regional partnership network in western Oregon & southwestern Washington
- **Mission:** to prevent the introduction and to control the spread of harmful invasive plant species by coordinating information and activities of Cooperative Weed Management Areas (**CWMAs**) and willing land managers.



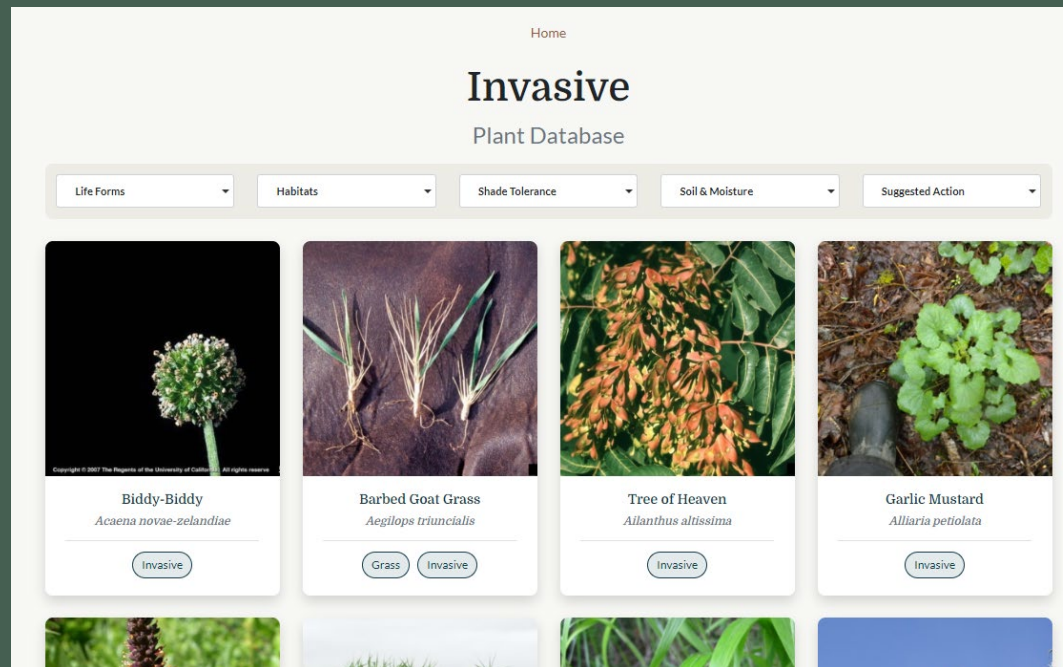
Our CWMA's

-  4-County
-  Benton
-  Columbia Gorge
-  Douglas
-  Dunes
-  Jackson & Josephine
-  Klamath
-  Mid-Coast
-  Mid-Willamette
-  North Coast
-  South Coast
-  Upper Willamette
-  WIN Headquarters

Oregon State Parks, Exif, TomTom, Garmin, FAO, NOAA, USGS, Bureau of Land Management, EPA, WFS, USFWS, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Energy, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation, Oregon Department of Transportation, Oregon Department of Energy, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Department of Forestry, Oregon Department of Parks and Recreation

CWMA Highlights

- Mid-Willamette CWMA
 - Weed of the Months
 - New invasive plant database



DECEMBER
Weed of the Month
Mid-Willamette

ITALIAN THISTLE

Carduus pycnocephalus

IDENTIFICATION
Annual thistle up to 4 ft. tall with deeply incised leaves and spiny wings on stems. Stems and undersides of leaves covered with cobwebby hairs. Cylindrical purplish to pinkish flower heads that can either be solitary or in clusters. Blooms & sets seed in early summer.

IMPACTS
Degrades rangelands and pastures, creates dense stands that are impenetrable to livestock.

MANAGEMENT
Mowing encourages resprouting. For small infestations: cover with black plastic, dig, hand-pull, or till. For larger infestations, tilling or chemical methods are more effective. Always follow all label directions.

ABOUT US
The Cooperative Weed Management Area partnership connects land managers, increases weed awareness, and supports collaborative weed management efforts. Visit us at marionswcd.net/what-we-offer/mid-willamette-cwma/.

LEARN MORE ONLINE
WWW.MARIONSWCD.NET/PLANTS/ITALIAN-THISTLE/

MID-WILLAMETTE CWMA

CWMA Highlights

- **North Coast CWMA**
 - Invasive Plant & Field Preparedness Training



CWMA Highlights

- **South Coast CWMA**
 - Gorse Pedal & Pull Event



CWMA Highlights

- **Douglas CWMA**

- Back in action!
- New coordinator with Douglas SWCD

- **Klamath CWMA**

- New coordinator with Klamath SWCD
- Multiple grant proposals

- **Jackson & Josephine CWMA**

- New coordinator with Rogue Valley Council of Governments
- And more grant proposals!

Mark your calendars!

- **Oregon State Weed Board Meetings**
 - February 15th & 16th
 - Virtual (via Zoom)
- **Columbia Gorge CWMA's Invasive Species & Exotic Pest Workshop**
 - February 29th
 - Hegewald Center (Stevenson, WA)
- **Oregon Interagency Noxious Weed Symposium**
 - December 10th – 12th (biennial)
 - LaSells Stewart Center (Corvallis, OR)

COLUMBIA GORGE
COOPERATIVE WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

15th annual
Invasive Species & Exotic Pest
workshop

What a way to spend leap day!

\$50
scholarships available

OR & WA
recertification credits pending

LIVE & IN PERSON
HEGEWALD CENTER
710 SW ROCK CREEK DRIVE
STEVENSON, WA 98648

REGISTER NOW @ [HTTPS://COLUMBIA-GORGE-ISEP-2024.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://columbia-gorge-isep-2024.eventbrite.com)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2024 9:00AM - 3:30PM

iMapInvasives & OR Invasives Hotline

- **iMapInvasives:**

- Over 460,000 locations for 437 species
- 121 organizations have contributed
- 58 new iMap members added in 2023
- Most reported species: Garlic mustard
 - Knotweed most reported in 2023

- **Oregon Invasive Species Hotline (2023):**

- 136 species confirmed
- 810 reports submitted



Thank you!

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