Vegetation Zones

Vegetation zones are areas with similar groups of plants.

- Western Hemlock Zone – Varied groups of plants occur depending on precipitation and elevation.
- Willamette Forest-Prairie Zone – Various forest, woodland, open savanna and prairie type groups of plants.
- Alpine Zone – These relatively small areas are found only at the highest elevations and consist of small plants and low-lying shrubs.
- Mixed Conifer and Broadleaf Forest Zone – This zone’s plant groups have a mix of Oregon and Californian species.
- Cascade Subalpine Forest Zone – Open meadow and forests form patterns according to elevation and snowpack.
- Grand Fir and Douglas Fir Zone – The plant groups in this zone require only a moderate amount of water.
- Ponderosa Pine Zone – Drier than the fir zones, these plant groups consist of Ponderosas with woody shrub or grassland.
- Grasslands Zone – These areas have grassland plant groups with almost no trees or shrubs.
- Western Juniper Zone – These open woodlands have Juniper trees with desert shrubs or sagebrush plant groups.
- Big Sagebrush Zone – This large zone is dominated by sagebrush, with some other shrubs and grasses.