

Learn about our native turtles at presentation by Oregon Wildlife

Oregon Wildlife (Oregon Wildlife Heritage Foundation) has issued an invitation to learn about Oregon's native turtles – the western pond and western

painted – at a free presentation by Dan Rosenberg of the Oregon Wildlife Institute. The presentation will be held on February 8 at the Ecotrust Building in

Portland's Pearl District. A reception begins at 6:00 p.m. The lecture at 6:30 p.m. Admission is free; registration is required. Register online at the Foundation's website, www.owhf.org/discoveringwildlife.

Attendees will learn about the state's two native turtle species and to protect and enhance populations in the Port-

land area. The presentation includes information for landowners about voluntary conservation actions that can help native turtles. Like many of the world's freshwater turtles, Oregon's turtle populations are declining due to habitat loss, degradation of nesting areas by invasive plants, competition from invasive turtles, nest predation, and

predation on young turtles by invasive aquatic species.

Both the western painted and western pond turtle are listed in the Oregon Conservation Strategy as species in need of help.

Funding for Rosenberg's work comes from the Oregon Wildlife, Oregon Zoo, City of Portland, Metro, Port of Portland and the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife.

For more information or questions, contact the Foundation at 503-255-6059. The talk will be held at the Billy Frank Jr. Conference Center of the Ecotrust Building in Portland's Pearl District, 721 NW Ninth Avenue, Portland.

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