



**Oregon** Invasive Species  
Online Hotline



**iMapInvasives**

*Sharing information for strategic management*

# Oregon Invasive Species Hotline and iMapInvasives

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UPDATE FOR THE OREGON INVASIVE SPECIES COUNCIL  
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# Invasive Species Online Hotline

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- ❑ Launched in April 2008 with Oregon Public Broadcasting for Silent Invasion campaign
- ❑ 1-800 # monitored by ODA, and an online map-based reporting system
- ❑ Easy way for the public to report invasive species sightings to those who manage them

# Invasive Species Online Hotline

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- Website moved to Portland State University in 2011
- Site hosted by PSU Office of Information Technology
- Site administration by PSU Oregon Biodiversity Information Center
- Upgrades to online system in 2016 funded by Oregon Department of Forestry and USDA
- Mobile friendly (use device's browser)

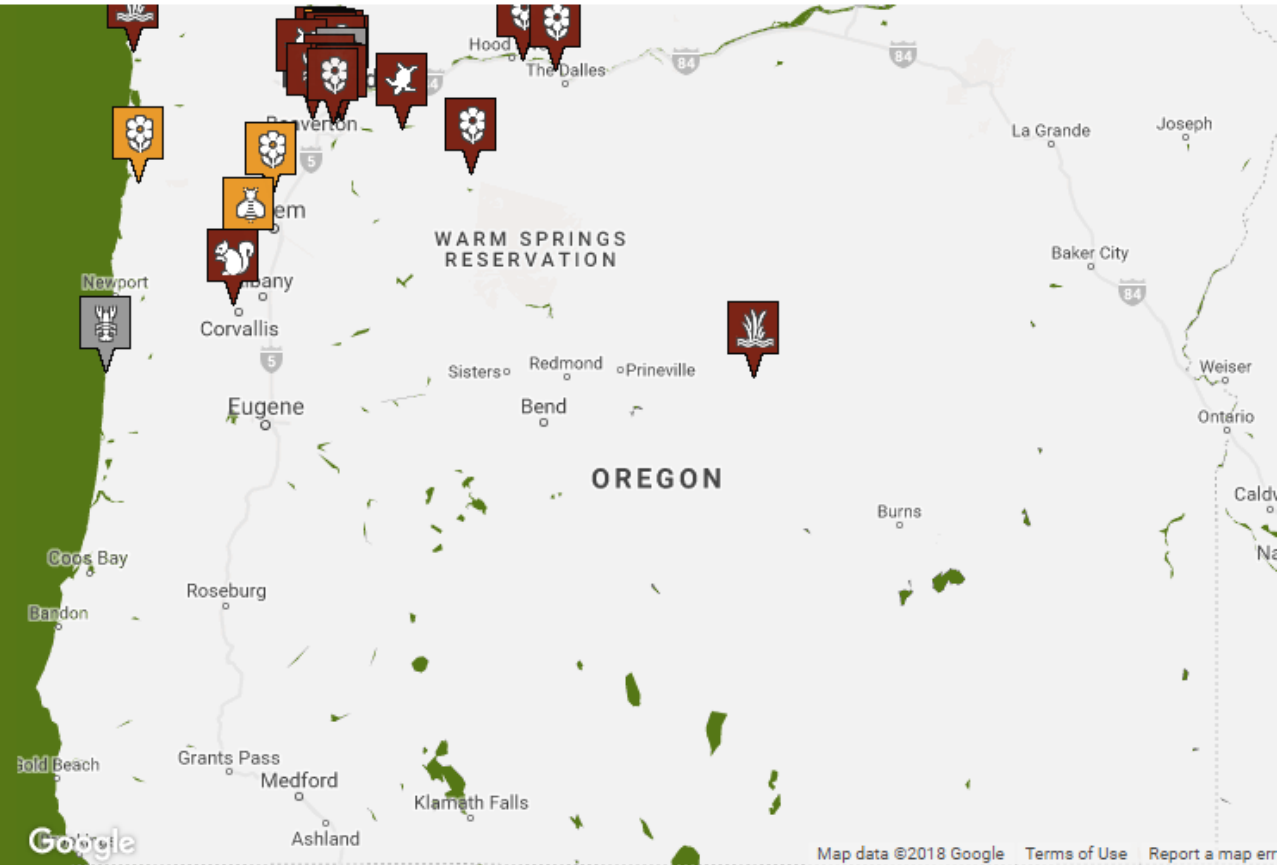


Have you seen something suspicious in your backyard or neighborhood? Are you having trouble identifying something you've found? Report potential invasive species you've found to the Online Hotline. Your submission will provide vital early detection information to the experts working to stop the next invasion before it starts!

[Report Now](#)

[Search Reports](#)

[About the Hotline](#) ↓



# Responsibilities of Hotline Managers

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- Network of experts works on volunteer basis to review reports
- Sign up for email alerts for your taxa and counties of interest
- Claim reports that match your criteria in a timely fashion
- Confirm ID of species if possible

# Responsibilities of Hotline Managers

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- Thank reporter for their report
- Provide information on management, follow-up questions, or advice
- Contact appropriate person or agency for response if needed
- Assign follow-up action if applicable (e.g. treatment, monitoring)

# Responsibilities of Hotline Administrator

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- Fill gaps in Manager network
- Set up Hotline Manager accounts and onboard new managers
- Provide Manager training guides
- Manage species lists
- Migrate data from confirmed reports into iMapInvasives
- Work with PSU OIT to fix bugs and implement improvements

# Invasive Species Online Hotline Funding

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- ❑ \$2400 annual for PSU OIT hosting, security updates, required software patches [set in 2015, expected to increase]
- ❑ \$2-5k annual for admin time for minimal basic upkeep (20-50 hrs of support)
- ❑ 2017-2018 OIT funding provided by ODF
- ❑ 2017-2018 Hotline Administrator time covered by ODF and iMapInvasives subscribers
- ❑ 2019-2020 & beyond ?





# With Dedicated Hotline Funding

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- Stability in knowing Hotline server and upkeep fees are covered
- Dedicated admin time for:
  - Filling manager network gaps
  - Follow up with managers about un-responded reports
  - Respond to common, low-priority species reports
  - Create auto-fill responses for commonly reported species

## Policeman's Helmet (*Impatiens glandulifera*) on Aug 11, 2019

### Description of specimen

Plants 3-6' tall; flowers are solitary, light pink to purple, 1" to 1 1/2" long with 5 petals, the top 2 petals fused. Stems have five red to somewhat red linear ridges. Leaves are mostly whorled in groups of 3, approx an inch to four inches long with reddish petioles. Leaves are linear with regularly serrated edges. Seed capsules are green 5/8" to nearly an inch long with five protruding lighter green lengthwise ridges.

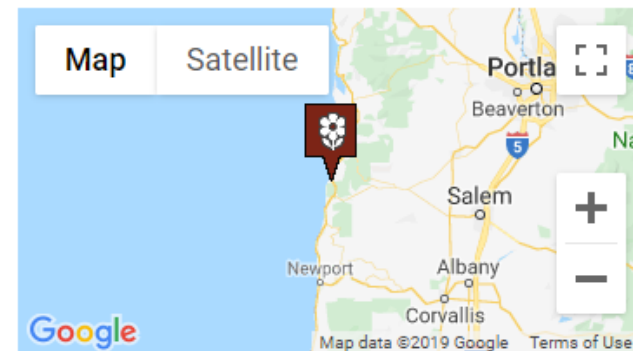
*Submitter has sample*

**Submitted by:** Pat French (jeepbackroads@gmail.com) 541-913-2716

**EDRR Status:** Ongoing monitoring



### Location



*Impatiens glandulifera* lines the edge of Neskowin Creek on the privately owned property of Neskowin Creek RV Resort located at the address listed above. Coordinates are 45.09556, -123.97756. On Hwy 101 north of Lincoln City, the access point is located on the west side of the highway between MP 98 and 99.

The approximated size of the infestation on this parcel of property is about 8500 square feet (0.2 acre).

### Expert Reviewer



**Troy Abercrombie**

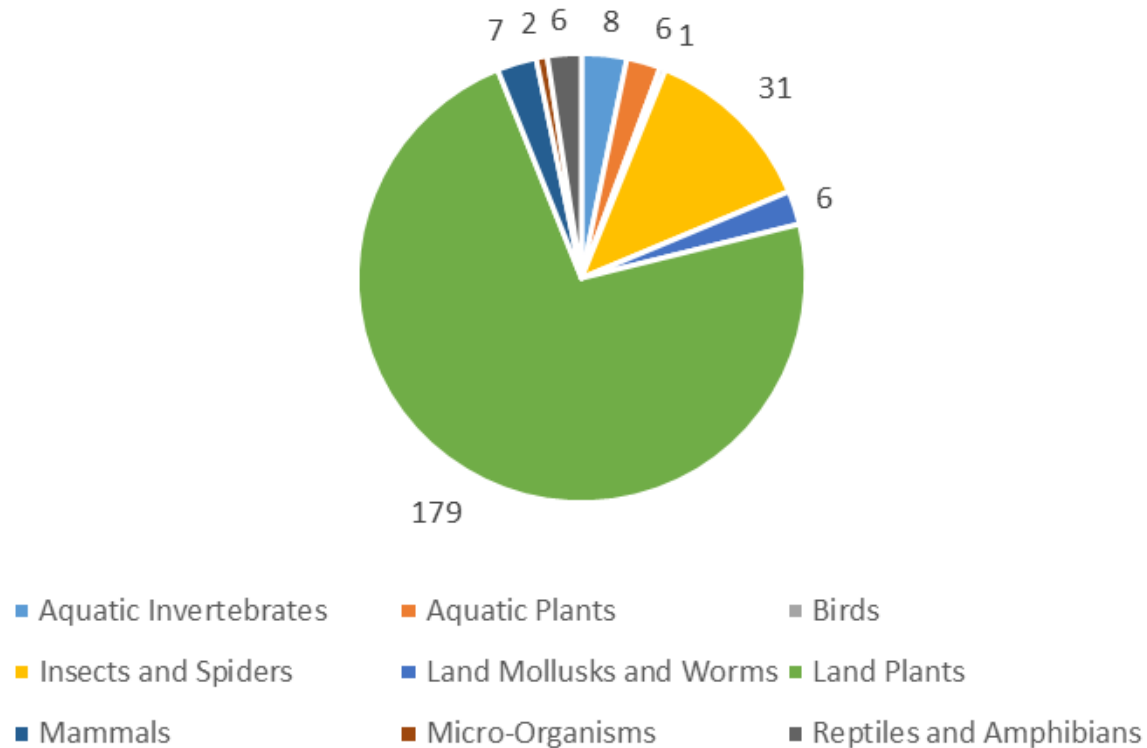
Tillamook County Soil & Water  
Conservation District

This report is already claimed



# 2019 YTD Hotline Report Summary

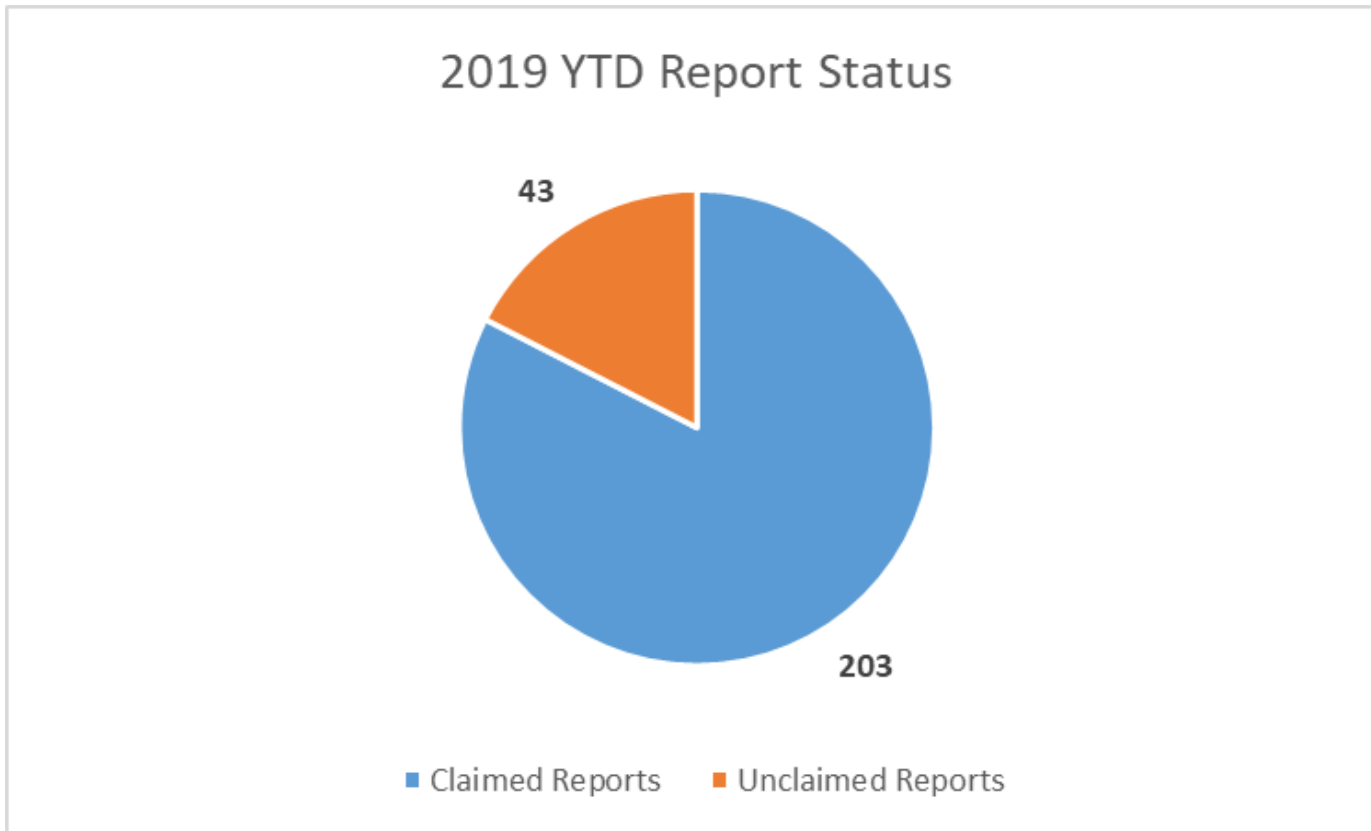
Count of Reports by Species Category



- 246 reports made
- 167 identifications confirmed (64%)
- 97 follow-up actions taken (e.g., local expert notified, surveyed, monitoring) (39%)

# 2019 YTD Hotline Report Summary

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- ❑ 43 reports from 2019 not yet reviewed (16%)
- ❑ 44 additional reports from pre-2019 not yet reviewed

# Oregon iMapInvasives

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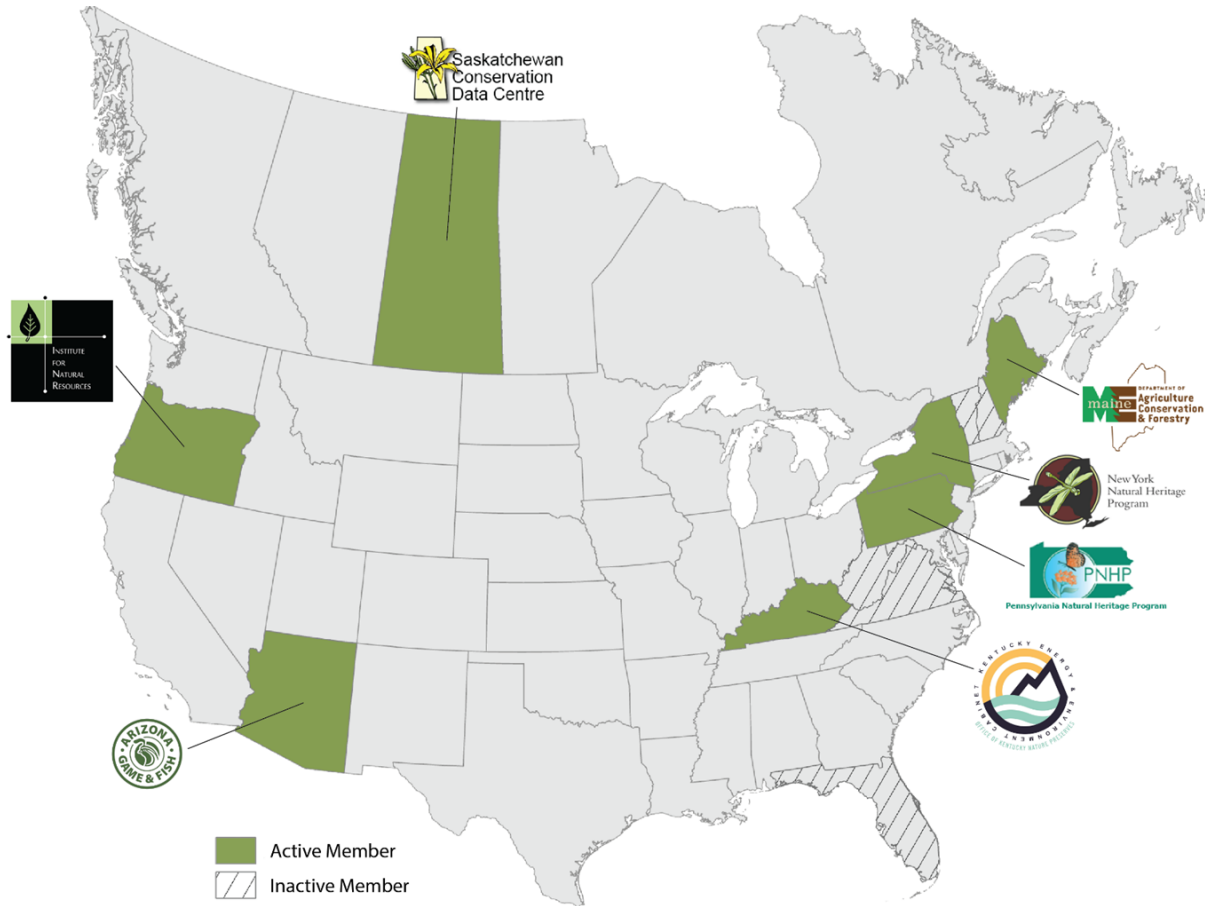
- ❑ Launched in 2011 by Oregon Invasive Species Council
- ❑ iMapInvasives was chosen after two years of surveying Oregon agencies, managers, and scientists for their needs
- ❑ Online, map-based invasive species database
- ❑ Administered by Oregon Biodiversity Information Center at PSU
- ❑ Recently moved to NatureServe platform, many updates
- ❑ iMap is part of a North American network and benefits greatly from this collaboration

# iMapInvasives Features

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- Oregon's comprehensive invasive species database
- Online, publicly accessible
- Plants, vertebrate animals, invertebrate animals
- Terrestrial and aquatic
- Points, Lines, and Polygons
- Positive and negative sightings
- Treatments
- Flexible, easy to add new species
- Email alerts
- Multiple user levels

# Benefits of the iMapInvasives Network



- Improvements funded by one program are rolled out to all iMapInvasives programs
- Extremely collaborative network of administrators
- Shared media
- [iMapInvasives.org](http://iMapInvasives.org)

# Oregon iMapInvasives Funding Model

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- ❑ iMap License Agreement through PSU Research and Strategic Partnerships office
- ❑ Allows any partner to contribute what they can
- ❑ Allows protected data to be shared with federal agencies (licensed data is exempt from FOIA)
- ❑ Minimum: \$24,000 annually, through Cascade Pacific RC&D
  - Data administrator time at about 0.3 FTE
  - Annual \$5,000 fee to NatureServe for hosting [set in 2010, expected to increase]



# Oregon iMapInvasives Funders

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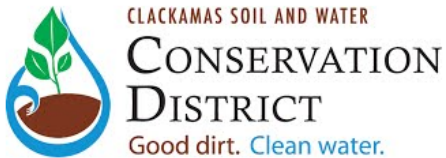
Cascade Pacific   
Resource Conservation + Development



WESTERN INVASIVES  
NETWORK



WEST MULTNOMAH  
Soil & Water Conservation District



CITY OF  
GRESHAM



MARION COUNTY  
SOIL AND WATER  
—CONSERVATION DISTRICT—

BENTON  
SOIL AND WATER



CONSERVATION  
DISTRICT



Tillamook County  
Soil & Water  
Conservation District

+ Create Record

Find Record

Filter Records

Identify/Measure

Export

Close Layers

Change Basemaps

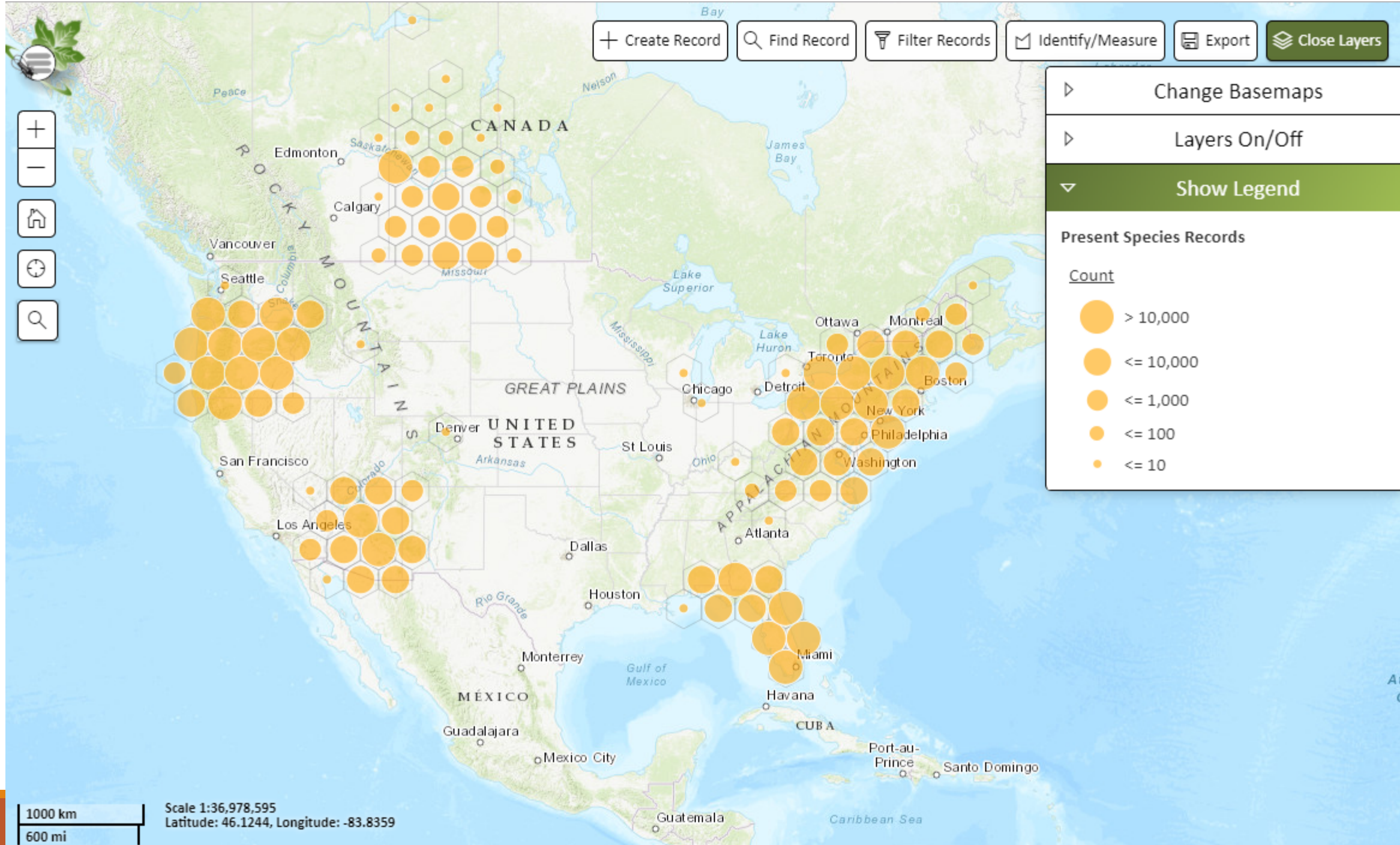
Layers On/Off

Show Legend

Present Species Records

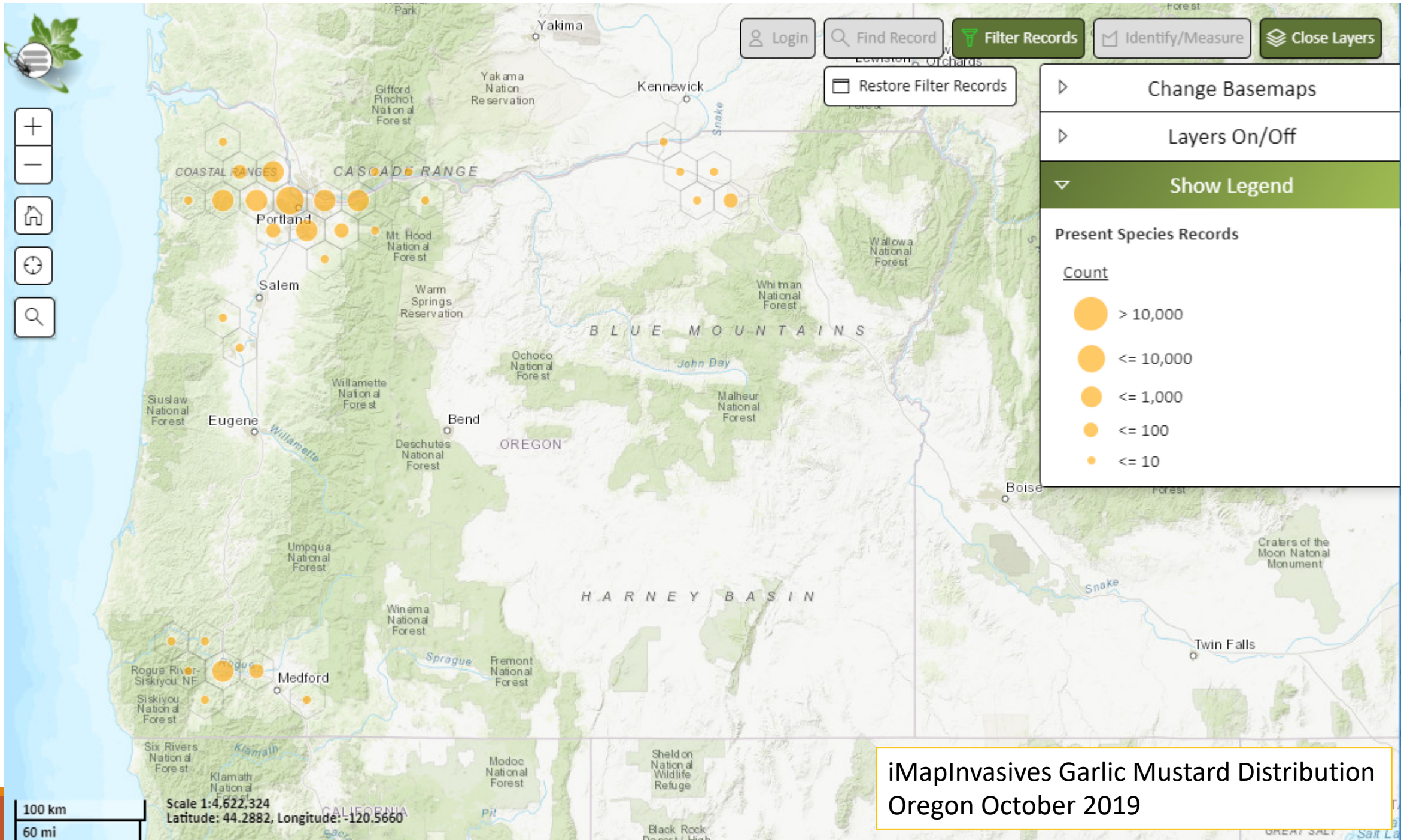
Count

- > 10,000
- <= 10,000
- <= 1,000
- <= 100
- <= 10



1000 km  
600 mi

Scale 1:36,978,595  
Latitude: 46.1244, Longitude: -83.8359

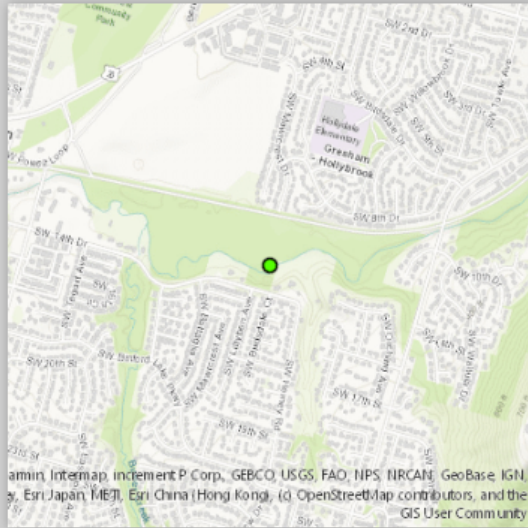


iMapInvasives Garlic Mustard Distribution  
Oregon October 2019



Measure/Analyze Results by Layer 
 Include Hidden Layers 11 result(s)

	Present Species	Treatments	Searched Areas	County/District	Conservation Lands	USGS Topographic Quad	Regional Management Partnerships	Hydr	
	Presence ID	Scientific Name	Common Name	Observation Date	Observer Name	Organization Name	Details	Tasks	
1	559471	Cyperus esculentus	Yellow Nutsedge	Fri, Aug 29, 2008	John Cowan - 11584	Oregon Parks and Recr...	<b>Details</b>	Tasks ▾	
2	560924	Iris pseudacorus	Yellow Flag Iris	Tue, Aug 26, 2008	John Cowan - 11584	Oregon Parks and Recr...	<b>Details</b>	Tasks ▾	



Latitude: 45.48761 ° Longitude: -122.45558 ° [Go To Map](#)

### Presence #1023056

Date: 7/19/2019  
Observer: Jeff Lesh - 11470  
Time Searched: Not Listed  
Species Found: Small-flower Touch-me-not

[Go To Searched Area Page](#)

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### 1 Species Present

#### Small-flower Touch-me-not

*Impatiens parviflora*  
(Balsaminaceae Family)

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#### Photos of Present Species:



Jeff Lesh

#### Comments:

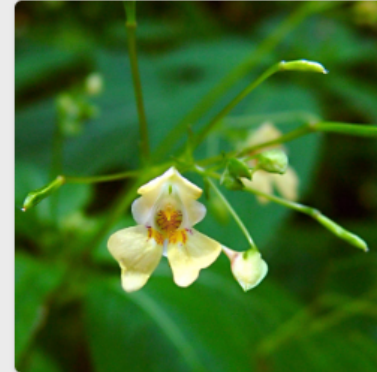
Not Listed

Number Found: 100  
Evaluation Type: Casual/Incidental finding  
Follow-Up: Under active management

✔ Confirmed  
🔒 Not Confidential

#### General Reference Info

#### Reference Photo:



ArtMechanic [GFDL  
(<http://www.gnu.org/copyleft/fdl.html>) or CC-BY-SA-3.0 (<http://creativecommons.org/licenses/by->

# Use of iMapInvasives Data

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The iMapInvasives dataset has been used to:

- Choose survey locations
- Prioritize management areas
- Map distributions
- Create predictive maps
- Create habitat assessments
- Prioritize restoration sites
- Assess habitat suitability
- Identify new invaders

# iMapInvasives is Oregon's Invasives Data Hub

