



Restoring Connections

**Spring 2020
Environmental Leadership Program
University of Oregon**

The background features abstract shapes in teal, orange, and yellow. A teal circle is in the top left, an orange shape is in the top right, and a yellow arch is at the bottom. A grey bar is at the very bottom. There are also small teal triangles and a yellow triangle.

5th Grade Lesson 4

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Animals Species in the Oak Savannah



Materials For Today

- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored Pencils (optional)



Meet the Teachers



Laxayam! Our names are Garrett and Zoe.

Zoe



Cougar

Introduce Yourself!

- Name
- Something fun! Example:
 - What's your favorite animal from Mt. Pisgah?



Updates From Mt. Pisgah



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Introduction to the Day

- Sit Spot check-in
- Introduce focal species
 - Bullock's Oriole
 - Fence Lizard
 - Cougar
- Activity
- Ecochallenge

Sit-Spot/Ecochallenge check-in

- How are sit spot journals going?
- What animals did you observe for your ecochallenge?



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Guess the Species Game

- We are going to display multiple facts regarding our focal species.
- Raise your hand if you think you know the species we are hinting at.



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- I am a cold-blooded reptile. On a sunny day, you might see me doing push-ups on a rock.

Fence Lizards

Habitat: grassland, broken chaparral, sagebrush, woodland, coniferous forest, and farmland.

Region: western United States.

Food: insects.

Predators: snakes, birds, and shrews.



Right: Restoring Connections Materials
Far Right: <http://fieldguide.mt.gov/speciesDetail.aspx?elcode=ARACF14080>

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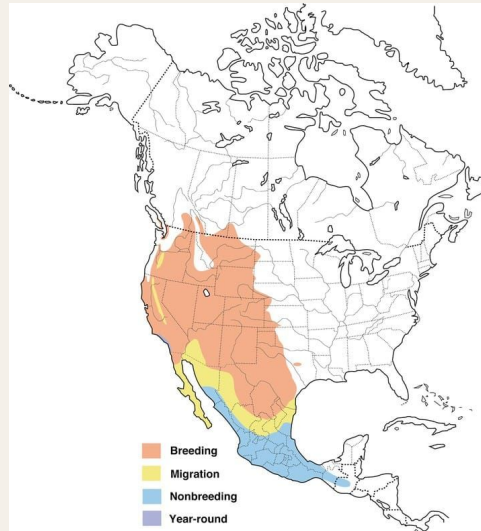
Bullock's Orioles

Habitat: open woodlands.

Region: western United States.

Food: fruits and nectar.

Predators: squirrels, crows, and jays.



Above: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Bullocks_Oriole/maps-range

Top Right: https://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Bullocks_Oriole/id

Bottom Right: <http://www.utahbirds.org/birdsofUtah/BirdsA-C/BullocksOriole14.htm>

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- I can't make a roar, but I make a call that sounds like a human scream.

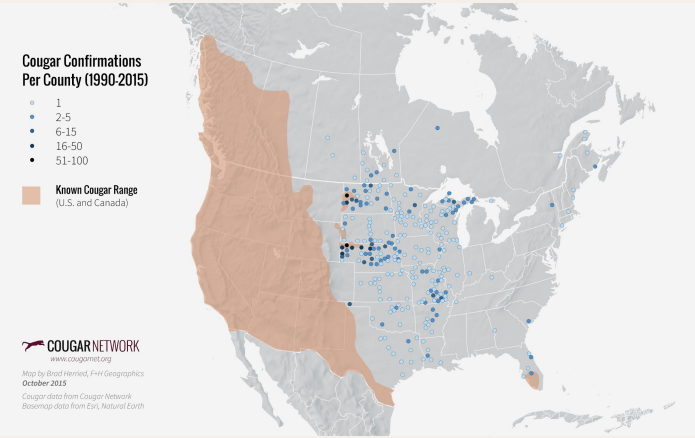
Cougar - yulqat-uphuch

Habitat: tropical forests, swamps, grasslands, mountair conifer forests, desert scrub, and any other location with adequate cover and prey.

Region: adaptable to a wide variety of regions.

Food: most ungulates (hoofed animals).

Predators: no natural predators, they are considered apex predators.



Top: <https://www.oregonlive.com/news/2019/06/watch-cougar-caught-on-camera-roaming-sandy-neighborhood.html>

Bottom: <https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2015/11/04/phantom-of-the-forest-could-the-cougar-again-haunt-eastern-u-s-woodlands/>

Ecochallenge

Sit spot

- Continue to work on your sit spots!
- Choose an animal in your yard or neighborhood and think about what it would be like to be that animal. Write a story from the animal's perspective.

Materials for next week

- Paper
- Pencil
- Colored Pencils or Markers
- Your Bud Journal
- A good attitude!



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See you again next week

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