



## A Ribbon of Wildness

Nature surrounds you on this stretch of river, offering opportunities to see and hear an abundance of wildlife. From the loud slap of a beaver's tail hitting the water to the sight of a Great Blue Heron flying upward off a cottonwood snag, evidence of the many mammals and birds along the river abounds. This section of the watershed is home to more than 140 species of birds, from Bald Eagles and Red-tailed Hawks to Great Horned Owls and Osprey. Thousands of migratory ducks and geese and multitudes of songbirds also spend time in this area. Fish are plentiful as well, including Chinook Salmon, Steelhead, Cutthroat Trout, and many others. Shores are lined with Willow, Black Cottonwood, Douglas Fir, shrubs, grasses, and wildflowers.



*Deer near Mt. Pisgab*

This stretch of the Willamette River also exhibits a high degree of channel diversity (although historic conditions were much more diverse), with a variety of islands and side channels weaving alongside the mainstem river. These side channels can provide key habitat for wildlife and can help keep the water cool.