

In my seventy years of life in Oregon I have always considered the beaver as an important element of our landscape, but I had not realized that there was such a strong antipathy toward the animal by many people. Even as wetlands have received attention and protection, there seems to have been considerable ignorance about the importance of the beaver in maintaining such areas. Now, as climate change is leading to warming and drought, the beaver is more important than ever, and should be protected in every way possible.

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