Snags Add Value

- A place to perch
- Food for nutrient recyclers and foragers
- Cavities (1 in 8 birds cavity nesters)
- Dead wood on forest floor = Seed bed, cover, water retention
- The unseen world: microbes make forest more resilient, improve soil grow better trees, provide ecosystem services
Topping
Girdling via hack and paint
TREE FARM OR FOREST?

Healthy Ecosystems
• Complex & diverse
• Provide lifelong learning
• Innumerable ecosystem services
• A high-value place in the matrix of human landscapes
LEARNING RESOURCES

• Mid-Valley Birding listserv
• BIRDING BY EAR! (Audubon & others)
• Bugguide.net
• Classes at Jackson Bottom, Metro, Tualatin, etc
• Corvallis Environmental Ctr
• Straub Env Center