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Elizabeth Gray is the Director of Conservation Science for The Nature Conservancy (TNC) in Washington. In this role, she is responsible for providing scientific leadership for all of the Conservancy's activities throughout the state.

Elizabeth has spent the last 20 years involved in biological research and conservation, which includes a Ph.D. in zoology from the University of Washington and an A.B. with high honors from Harvard University. Her work has focused on the conservation of temperate, tropical and island biodiversity, including research projects in Costa Rica, Argentina, Peru, Indonesia, and Hawaii. Prior to joining the Conservancy in 2000, Elizabeth held a joint position with the University of Hawaii and USGS-BRD, where she investigated factors limiting the size and distribution of endangered Hawaiian forest birds. She also served as faculty at the University of Nevada Reno and San Francisco State University.

Elizabeth has published widely in journals such as Conservation Biology, Frontiers in Ecology and Evolution, Animal Behavior, and Behavioral Ecology and Sociobiology. She is a member of several statewide scientific advisory panels, including WDNR's Natural Heritage Advisory Council, WDFW's Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy Group, the Collins Northwest Conservation Fund (co-chair), and the Washington Biodiversity Council's Science Working Group. Elizabeth's current projects focus on incorporating climate change impacts into TNC's planning and management work, developing cost-effective methods of landscape scale restoration, and setting priorities for conservation action.