



Wenatchee Naturalist's mission is to cultivate awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Wenatchee River region by developing an active corps of well-informed community volunteers.



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## WENATCHEE NATURALIST NEWS & VOLUNTEER UPDATE

Citizen Scientist Wenatchee Naturalist **Richard Scranton** traveled to Rainier National Park to participate in alpine butterfly training for a citizen science project. A reporter with the Seattle Times chronicled the training.

[http://www.seattletimes.com/life/outdoors/citizen-scientists-track-effects-of-climate-change-in-the-northwest/?utm\\_source=email&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=article\\_title\\_1.1](http://www.seattletimes.com/life/outdoors/citizen-scientists-track-effects-of-climate-change-in-the-northwest/?utm_source=email&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=article_title_1.1)

Four Wenatchee Naturalists are newly trained by Dan Stevens to prepare bird study skins for both Wenatchee Valley College and Wenatchee River Institute. **Jenny Graevell, Richard Scranton, Jane and John Zanol** will be teaching others to do this as a new fun community begins later this fall. See photos on page 3!

Check out the [Wenatchee Naturalist website blog](#) summer articles featuring plein air painter, **Cindy Rietveldt**, habitat mapper, **Lisa Robinson**, and Upper Basin Birders Leader, **Heather Murphy**.

**Did you miss a field trip during your Wenatchee Naturalist course?** [Email me](#) to sign up to come along on this fall's trips: Sept. 28-White River, Oct.14-Entiat River, Nov. 11-Lower Wenatchee/Icicle, and Dec. 2, ½-day on the Columbia.

## REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

The Wenatchee Naturalist fall 50-hour course. We depend upon word-of-mouth to fill the class. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to register at [Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education](#). Classes held on Wed. evenings.

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Citizen Science Project**  
Explore [CDLT's Citizen Science program](#) offerings here and sign up to join Susan Ballinger on monthly eBird surveys.
- **Citizen Science Project**  
**Stuff-and-Fluff** planned for fall & winter Sunday afternoons. Join the new fun of helping prepare bird study skins for Wenatchee Valley College and Wenatchee River Institute. No past experience needed. A fascination with anatomy and a steady hand with a scalpel helps, and seamstress' can apply sewing skills. Contact coordinator Maggie McManus to learn more about this new community of volunteers. [mcmanusall@gmail.com](mailto:mcmanusall@gmail.com) or 509.423.0881.
- **Education**  
Do you know a teacher or a school that would like to start a school garden? \$500-\$2000 Grants are available at <http://www.birdsleuth.org/garden-grants/>

### ■ Education

Are you interested in joining a team of volunteers who serve area children with a wide variety of interactive programs? The Wenatchee Valley Museum docent program welcomes new volunteers. Learn more by contacting Selina Danko at 509.888.6240 or <http://Sdanko@wvmcc.org>

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**Fall Youth on the Columbia.** Volunteer with the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club to take 300 East Wenatchee students out in a Voyageur canoe. Contact Penny Tobiska to learn more: <http://ptobiska@nwi.net>

## OUTINGS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

**Registration open for 2018 Chelan Master Gardeners training.** Have you always wanted to learn more about gardening, meet new people and make a difference in the community? The first step in becoming a WSU Master Gardener is taking Basic Training, which is a horticulture series offered as a combination of online and in class training sessions. The online portion is done from a computer using a platform called Blackboard to read chapter assignments, view PowerPoint presentations and videos, and complete crossword puzzles and fill in the blank worksheets. The in class sessions are held once a week and are meant to solidify what you learn online, while allowing time for you to become accustomed to the program's projects and volunteers. Applications due Oct. 16, 2017. Learn more at <http://extension.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/gardening/mg/mgtraining/>.

**Thursdays 10-11am. Free guided exploration** of Barn Beach Reserve. Meet at the River Haus (347 Division St.)- no need to register. Discover native plants, animals, birds, local history, and enjoy the riverfront picnic tables.

**Sat. Sept. 9, The Great Escape Geology Tour** bus tour of the Quincy Basin, upper Crab Creek, and the Drumheller Channels, with

geologist Brent Cunderla and Ken Lacy Register with the [Wenatchee Valley Museum](#). \$45.

**Fri. Sept. 15 Raptor ID and migration workshop** at the Pateros local Fire Hall with Dr. Dave Oleyar from HawkWatch International. Register in advance for the workshop at [ncwaudubon.org](http://ncwaudubon.org).

**Sat.-Sun. Sept. 23-24 True Nature: The Art and Craft of Field Journaling**, in Twisp, offered by the Methow Conservancy. Professional artist and teacher Perri Howard and Mary Kiesau, naturalist with Methow Conservancy, offer a hands-on class to explore fundamentals of field sketching, note-taking, and journaling to creatively engage with your surroundings. \$150. Register by emailing [mary@methowconservancy.org](mailto:mary@methowconservancy.org)

**Mon.-Tue., Oct. 1-3 Wildlife Track & Sign Certification Class**, in Winthrop, offered by the Methow Conservancy. Spend two full days in the field with wildlife tracker/naturalist, David Moskowitz. \$200. Limited to 11 people. Contact Mary to register: <http://mary@methowconservancy.org>

## PROGRAMS & FILMS:

**Tues. Sept. 19, 7pm. Bigfoot and Butterflies.** Wenatchee Valley Environmental Film Series at the Wenatchee Museum. \$5 donation suggested. Bigfoot researcher Paul Graves entertains, educates and intrigues with his many stories related to his quest to find evidence of this Northwest icon. Mixed with slide show images and original songs by Graves, this program explores centuries old Sasquatch lore along with contemporary sightings. Guests will have an open-mic opportunity to share their own experiences.

## FESTIVALS:

**Sat. Sept. 16. Visit with Raptors- 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival.** Join the Chelan/Entiat Ranger District, North Central Washington Audubon Society and HawkWatch International for this free family event that combines educational activities in Pateros with a field trips to the Wells

Wildlife Area and Chelan Ridge HawkWatch site. On Friday the 15<sup>th</sup>, there is a raptor ID and migration workshop at the local Fire Hall with Dr. Dave Oleyar from HawkWatch International. This all happens in Pateros, Washington on the weekend of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Register in advance for the field trips and workshop at [ncwaudubon.org](http://ncwaudubon.org), or visit the exhibits at Pateros any time during that Saturday.

This festival is scheduled to coincide with the peak of southbound migration of raptors at Chelan Ridge — the best place in Washington to view fall migrating raptors. Past festivals have brought several hundred people to see hawks up close, enjoy Memorial Park, and spend the day learning all about raptors. So please join us for the 2017 festival!

To sign up for any of the activities or to learn more about the festival please visit our website: [ncwaudubon.org](http://ncwaudubon.org).

## eNEWS RESOURCES:

Sign up for National Audubon's [eNews](#) – go to this [website](#) and register for free with your email. The current issue includes articles about a new Citizen Science program – Climate Watch, new research on female birdsong, and tips for using real words to help remember bird song.

Sign up for the free [Xerces Society eNews](#) here. This month's issue features articles about Washington native butterfly species that relies on dwarf mistletoe species, efforts to bring back native thistles, and more.

Sign up for the [Cornell Lab eNews](#)- you can select any of 8 different topics that include fascinating articles, links, and videos.

[Environment for the Americas](#) and International Migratory Bird Day [eNews](#) includes educational resources, science updates, and more. Our local [Team Naturaleza!](#) is one of their programs.

[Wild Fish Conservancy Northwest](#) is a non-profit dedicated to the recovery and conservation of our region's wild fish ecosystems, formerly named

Washington Trout. Sign up for their occasional newsletter.



A finished study skin of a Varied Thrush



Some of the cool tools used to prepare a skin



Expert skin preparer, Dan Stevens, instructs Jane Zanol (left) and Maggie McManus, during an August train-the-trainer workshop for the newly launched “Stuff and Fluff” project.