



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.

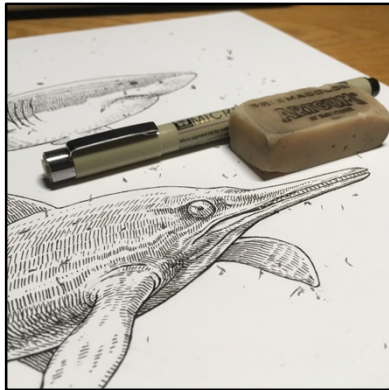


**November/December 2017**

## AII-WENATCHEE NATURALIST Gathering

Nov. 19, 3:00-5:00pm, Wenatchee Valley College Theater (free parking on Sundays) Bring a finger-food potluck snack to share (wine/beer/coffee/tea provided). Friends and family welcome!

We will celebrate the 2017 volunteers supporting conservation. Scientific illustrator,



[Marlin Peterson](#), will highlight the art he created for the newly published book, *Improbable Destinies*, by Jonathan B. Losos.



## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

### ■ Home Garden Stewardship Project

#### Leave the Leaves!

Besides providing the right plants, and protecting your garden from pesticides, one of the next most valuable things you can do to support pollinators and other invertebrates is to provide them with the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. Frequently however, this is the hardest pill for gardeners to swallow. Read more on at the Xerces Society



Pledge to be a [Lazy Gardener](#) and vow to not clean up your garden until spring, 2018. Read this fun article with practical tips.



### Citizen Science- Christmas Bird Count

Join in on the fun at the 2017 Leavenworth Christmas Bird Count on **Sat., Dec. 16**. Birders will be assigned a route and meet their leader at a designated area. Lists will be compiled at 4pm at the Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. To learn more and to sign up, contact Gretchen Rohde (509.393.0088 or [design@thedesignranch.com](mailto:design@thedesignranch.com)).

## ■ Outdoor Education on Snowshoes

Volunteer Naturalists needed! Announcing the return of snowshoe nature walks at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery! Visitors can sign up for free guided snowshoe walks at the hatchery (snowshoes, guide, and hot chocolate provided). After a short break, the program restarted last winter, with hatchery staff leading the walks. This winter we are recruiting volunteer naturalists to help with the program. Whether you've volunteered with us in the past, or are excited about a new opportunity to get outside and connect people with nature, we would love to hear from you. For more information, contact Marjie Lodwick at [marjorie\\_lodwick@fws.gov](mailto:marjorie_lodwick@fws.gov) or (509)669-6941.

## OUTINGS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Our friends at the [Methow Conservancy](#) are offering field classes this winter, based out of Winthrop. *The Wide World of Skulls and Bones* is on **Sat. Jan. 13**, 9am-4pm, \$65. *Winter Wildlife Tracking* is on **Sun. Jan. 14 OR Sat. Feb. 3**, 8:30am-12:30pm, \$45. Registration is necessary. Contact Mary Keisau at 509.996.2870 or <http://mary@methowconservancy.org>

Sign up for an online class offered by Cornell Lab of Ornithology's "[Bird Academy](#)." Build your raptor ID skills with the 6-part webinar with downloadable handouts and more.

Washington's Native Conifers- Identification Workshop with Susan Ballinger. Winter is a great season to learn to identify native conifer trees that grow in Washington's east-side Cascade mountains. Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education Department is offering this 2-evening course on **Tuesday Jan. 22 and Thursday Jan. 24**, 6-8PM in Wenatchee. Register at: <https://www.wvc.edu/academics/continuing-education/>

## PROGRAMS & FILMS:

**Tues. Nov. 14** Environmental Film & Lecture Series is showing *Seed: The Untold Story*, 7pm at Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation.

**Tues. Dec. 12**, Ice Age Floods Institute Wenatchee Erratics Chapter, 7pm at the Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. Program is open to the public.

## HOLIDAY GIFT RESOURCES:

The binocular company, Eagle Optics, is going out of business at the end of this year. They have some good prices on their binoculars.

<https://www.eagleoptics.com/collections/binoculars>  
<https://saratogasprings.wbu.com/Eagle-optics-sale-intro>

Wenatchee now has a [Wild Birds Unlimited](#) Nature Shop, located in Mission Village (Chelan & 9<sup>th</sup>). Stop by to meet owners Patrick and Mabel Bodell. Mabel and new employee, Jackie Reynolds, are currently enrolled in the Wenatchee Naturalist class, and Wenatchee Naturalist, Jaana Hatton, is an employee.



Planning a trip and want to talk along a field guide? Use the "[Field Guide Review](#)" to select the best books and apps for the U.S. & Canada, and for countries around the world.

Build a bird nest box that best suits your regional and habitat. [Cornell Lab's NestWatch](#) has plans, tips, and more in a searchable format.

## BLOGS & RESOURCES:

Subscribe to the DNR Washington State Geology News. Here is a recent post: [8 Reasons You Should Care About Washington Geology](#)

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Below: Mission Ridge ski area with golden larch

