



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.



Late Fall 2018

Please report your volunteer hours!

It just takes a few minutes to email Susan (skylinebal@gmail.com) your total 2018 volunteer hours with a 1-2 sentence description of what you did and the name of the organization. Everyone has "forever" to earn their 20+ hours of volunteering pin and bandana. Please send me a picture of yourself in action.

For the **class of 2016**, this is the end of the 2-year period where you can *also* earn either a 50+ or 100+ hour pin. For the **class of 2017**, this is your first time to share your hours, so don't be shy. Don't procrastinate- do it now!



Mark your calendar to attend: Annual All-WENATCHEE NATURALIST Social

Nov. 18, 2:00-4:00pm, Wenatchee Valley College Theater (free parking on Sundays) (snacks/wine/beer/coffee/tea provided- the college doesn't allow potluck-style). Friends and family welcome! We will celebrate the 2018 volunteers supporting conservation.



Christi Norman

At the social, the featured guest speaker is Audubon Washington's Christi Norman who will talk about the 2018 [Sagebrush Songbird Survey](#)'s accomplishments. The survey is a partnership between WA Audubon and Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife as a collaborative, community science research program. The goal is to improve knowledge of Columbia Plateau shrub-steppe bird distribution, and to test and improve accuracy of scientific sagebrush obligate songbirds species distribution models. Now in its 6th year, over 200 volunteers have collected field data and posted that data to eBird. The data is incorporated into the WDFW Priority Habitats and Species database, a legally-recognized source for best available science in our state. Co-presenter and Wenatchee Naturalist, Richard Scranton will highlight NCWAS's leadership team of volunteers who do essential field work logistics planning and volunteer coordination. Local community science volunteers will be recognized and celebrated.



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Bruce McCammon will briefly introduce the *Friends of Horan*. Under Bruce's leadership, NCWAS started a Facebook page to encourage communication about conditions in the area and events that may take place in or near the Horan Natural Area (Bruce's photo is above). Members of NCWAS have been invited to attend and will join in our celebration of Wenatchee Naturalists volunteer accomplishments. This annual event is a great way to kick-off Thanksgiving week.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ **Stewardship Project**

Nov. 1, 6, 7, and/or 8, 2018. Whited's Milkvetch Habitat Restoration- 4 ways to help the BLM with emergency rehabilitation of the Washington state endangered Whited's milkvetch located just south of Wenatchee. The 2017 Spartan Fire burned through the entire population While most of the milkvetch plants survived the fire, they still need help because of the drastic changes to their habitat. Volunteers can help by clearing weeds and digging holes, watering, and planting seedlings. All told, we will be planting over 1200 plants (Whited's milkvetch and other natives) on the landscape! Volunteers will meet at the BLM office in Wenatchee (915 Walla Walla Ave) and transportation to the site will be provided. Work will involve bending, stooping, and kneeling; digging, pulling and cutting weeds; and carrying tools approximately 1/4mile. Volunteers should wear appropriate clothing and sturdy boots, bring water, lunch, sunglasses. We will provide gloves,

foam kneelers, eye protection, and tools. Please RSVP to Molly Boyter at 509-665-2137 or mboyter@blm.gov.

■ **Community Science Project**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays bird counts at Beebe Springs with Virginia Pulumbo. Sign up by emailing vwpalumbo@gmail.com.

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Plan to help with a Christmas Bird Count Join in on the fun with many volunteers for North Central Washington Audubon Society. Count dates are now set for Bridgeport (12/14), Chelan (12/28), and Wenatchee (12/29). Soon, dates will be set for Twisp, Okanogan, and Leavenworth. Newcomers at all skill levels are welcome. Learn more at NCWAS <http://www.ncwaudubon.org/index.html>

■ **Outdoor Education on Snowshoes**

Volunteer Naturalists needed! Each winter visitors to Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery can sign up for free guided snowshoe walks - with snowshoes, guide, and hot chocolate provided! We are currently recruiting volunteer naturalists for our 2018-19 season. Would you like to spend a few mornings or afternoons in December and January tromping through the snow, looking for fresh animal tracks, and sharing your wildlife knowledge with others? Join us for the snowshoe volunteers training on **Saturday December 8th**, and then sign up for your volunteer dates! 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 or (509)669-6941.



OUTINGS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Tuesdays in Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27. 6:30-8pm.
Wenatchee River Institute Speaker Series: Water!, held at Milepost 111 Brewing Company, Cashmere. Register with Rachel Bishop (rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or 509.548.0181 ext. 5).

Sun., Nov. 11 in Winthrop: *The Wide World of Animal Skulls & Bones* indoor class with Marcus Reynerson (9am-4pm), \$65. Register with Daniel at daniel@methowconservancy.org or (509.996.2870).

Sat. Dec. 1 Manson Lakes Winter Waterfowl Field Trip with NCWAS Virginia Pulumbo. Meet in Chelan at 208 West Nixon Ave. at 8:30am to carpool and survey Wapato, Roses, and Dry Lakes, returning by 11:30am.

TALKS, PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Tues. Nov. 6, 7-9pm, Wenatchi Right To Fish. Respected Native American Historian E. Richard Hart talks about the current status of Wenatchi Fishing Rights on the Wenatchee River. Environmental Film & Lecture Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation.

Thurs. Nov. 8, 7-8:30pm, Wenatchee Valley Chapter WA Native Plant Society, Standing on the Shoulders of Giants: Revising *Hitchcock and Cronquist's Flora of the Pacific Northwest* with guest speaker, David Giblin, Collections Manager, UW Herbarium. Free.

Tues. Nov. 13, 7-9pm, Return of the Wapato: Native Foods. Emily Washines, Yakama tribal member and scholar talks about the intrinsic link between culture and food. Environmental Film & Lecture Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation.

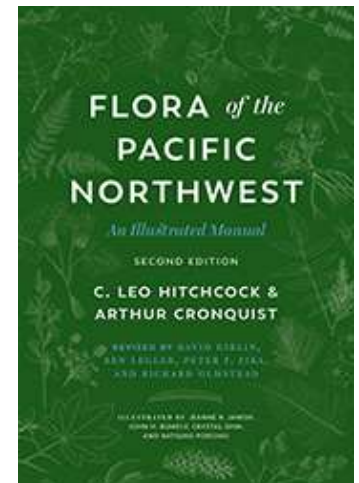
Weds., Nov. 14, 6:30-8:30pm, Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn Event: *North on the Wing-Travels with the Songbird*, with guest Smithsonian scientist, Bruce M. Beehler.

Thurs. Nov. 15 7-9pm Dr. Bruce Beehler's talk about his field work for the Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History. He co- led a survey in 2005 to the Foja Mountains in Papua, and discovered new species. He will sign his book, *North on the Wing*, after the talk. Environmental Film & Lecture Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation.

Master Falconer, Brad Felger, will once again be visiting *Wild Birds Unlimited* of Wenatchee with his amazing birds of prey. Always a popular event, come see the falcons and listen to Brad explain what he does and all he knows from more than four decades of experience breeding falcons and working with these remarkable creatures. Check the WBU website for exact day and time: <https://wenatchee.wbu.com/local-events>

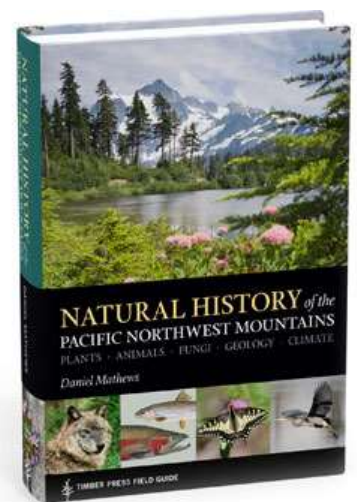
NEW BOOKS:

The long-awaited revised and updated flora is available to order from the University of WA Press.



<http://www.washington.edu/uwpress/search/books/HITFL2.html>

Natural History of the Pacific Northwest Mountains by Daniel Mathews. This is essential the “3rd edition” of his book that you used in the class loaner box.



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