



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.



January-February 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

January is always the time for new beginnings and ideas. Read on for activities that offer fresh learning opportunities in community settings joined by other conservation-minded people.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Stewardship Project

1st and 3rd Wednesdays bird counts at Beebe Springs with Virginia Pulumbo. Sign up by emailing vwpalumbo@gmail.com. Come for a leisurely 1-1/2 mile walk. Details vary seasonally.

■ Community Science Project

Register now to be a 2019 Sagebrush Songbird Survey Volunteer. The field training is April 6 (10am-4pm) near Ellensburg at Whisky Dick Wildlife Area. Register and learn more at <http://wa.audubon.org/songbird-survey-eastern-washington-underway>. You will be part of team. All levels of bird knowledge welcome.

■ Outdoor Education

Register to become a new volunteer for Wenatchee River Institute's youth education program. Learn more by calling 509.548.0181 or email Youth Program Manager Will Crowley at wcrowley@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

OUTINGS

Jan. 23 & Feb. 20 (7:30-10:00am) 3rd

Wednesday Bird Walks at Horan Natural

Area North Central WA Audubon Society's

[Friends of Horan](#) invites you to come on informal monthly bird walks to explore the Horan Natural Area and see birds. Outings will be led by Susan Ballinger who will record bird sightings and enter them into the community science eBird database. Meet at the north parking lot at Walla Walla Park, next to the restrooms, and spend about 30 minutes in the park, and then walk the 2-mile round trip loop within Horan Natural Area, returning about 10am. Participants are welcome to come for all or part of any walk - join at the start and depart early if you need to be at work. No RSVP needed. We will not cancel due to weather conditions. Contact Susan to learn more (skylinebal@gmail.com).

The Friends of Horan is dedicated to gathering and sharing information about the Horan area to increase public awareness about the area. These bird walks will immerse you in the beauty of the

Horan Natural Area and provide an opportunity to learn about the area's history and the potential for future ecological improvements and use.

Tuesday, Feb. 5: Join NCWAS Joe Ververka on a bird field trip at Walla Walla Point Park and the Horan (9am-noon). Sign up with Joe (joe_veverka@yahoo.com)

CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Sat. Jan. 12 (noon-4:30pm) Native Planting 101. Location is the Dept. of Transportation Bldg. B, 2830 Euclid Ave. Come to a free workshop featuring local experts, including Wenatchee Naturalist and Landscape Designer, Betsy Dudash. Register with Cascadia Conservation District at 509.436.1601.



TALKS, PROGRAMS & FILMS:

The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge and Coastal Plain - A Visual Conversation

Join North Central Washington Audubon members, Susan Ballinger and Tim and Mary Gallagher, as they share stories and photographs of caribou, grizzly bears, birds, and plants from their adventures to the remote reaches of the coastal plain and Beaufort Sea of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. Additionally, at the Wenatchee and Leavenworth presentations, Mark Oswood will share his work studying the ecology of Alaskan fresh waters. Come see for yourself how irreplaceable this far corner of our country is and join in a conversation regarding YOUR role in protecting the Refuge. Sponsored by North Central Washington Audubon Society, dedicated



to furthering the knowledge and the conservation of the environment of North Central Washington, our Nation, and the World. Three locations:

Wenatchee--Tuesday, February 5

Wenatchee Valley Museum, 127 S Mission St
Talk 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. doors open at 6:30 p.m.
Free

Leavenworth--Wednesday, February 6,

Wenatchee River Institute, Barn Beach Reserve
347 Division Street Talk 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free

Winthrop--Thursday, February 7

Methow Conservancy Winthrop Rink- upstairs
208 White Ave. Talk 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. doors
open at 6:30 p.m. Free

Thurs. Feb. 7, 7-8:30pm, *The Thin Green Line: Holding Back Global Warming.* Lecture by Eric De Place, Sightline Institute. Grove Recital Hall, Wenatchee Valley College. Free. Sponsored by [Climate Conversations NCW](#) and [Sustainable Wenatchee](#).

Tues. Feb. 19, 7-9pm, The film, [Birders: The Central Park Effect](#) reveals the extraordinary array of wild birds who grace Manhattan's celebrated patch of green, and the equally colorful New Yorkers who schedule their lives around the rhythms of migration. Author Jonathan Franzen, an idiosyncratic trombone technician, and a septuagenarian bird-tour leader are among the lively cast of characters in this charming, lyrical documentary that transports the viewer to the dazzling, hidden world of America's most famous park. Environmental Film & Lecture Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation.

[Wenatchee River Institute Red Barn Event](#) at Barn Beach Reserve, 347 Division St. Leavenworth. By donation.

Weds. Jan. 25 (6:30-8:30pm) David Moskowitz, *Caribou Rainforest: From Heartbreak to Hope.*

Weds., Feb. 13, 6:30-8:30pm, *A Digital Landform Tour of the Eastern Cascades* by Karl Lillquist, PhD.

Weds. Feb. 27, 6:30-8:30 *In the Temple of Wolves, Author and Wildlife Advocate, Rick Lamplugh.*