



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.



July-August

WENATCHEE NATURALIST News from Susan

I hope you can spend time exploring the Wenatchee Watershed this summer, restoring your spirit as you discover new habitats and hone your observation skills as a naturalist. This eNews is short and sweet since summer is the season to relax and renew.

[Registration](#) is now open for 11th Wenatchee Naturalist course on the Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education website. Classes meet Wednesday evenings (6:00-8:30pm), Sept. 18-Dec. 11 with Saturday field trips on Sept. 21, Oct. 12, Nov. 9, and Dec. 7, with teacher clock hours available. Cost is \$365.

We rely on word-of-mouth to fill the course, so please invite your friends and neighbors to consider becoming a Wenatchee Naturalist!

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Community Science Project**
July-Sept. early morning eBird projects at CDLT Horse Lake and Mountain Home. Join Susan Ballinger to conduct bird surveys at Horse Lake Reserve (July 11 & Aug. 2) and Mountain Home Preserve (July 18 & Sept. 19). RSVP to Susan's cell: 509.669.7820
- **Stewardship**
[Make every week Pollinator Week](#) with tips and resources provided by the Xerces Society. If you have a garden, follow the four principles

of the [Pollinator Protection Pledge](#): grow flowers, provide places for bees to nest and butterflies to lay eggs, avoid pesticides, and share the word.

■ Education

Sept. 25-27 (8am-2:30pm) [Kids in the Creek](#) field days at Entiat National Fish Hatchery. Volunteers needed to assist natural resource professions who teach stations led by Cascadia Conservation District staff. This is an early save-the-date invitation from Amanda Newell at: AmandaL@cascadiacd.org

CLASSES, FIELD TRIPS & WORKSHOPS:

July 2-3, 9-noon. [Amber Wray Watercolor Workshop](#) at Wenatchee River Institute. \$80 for non-members, \$68 for members.

July 13, 10-11am. Growing Great Tomatoes & **July 20, 10-11am.** What's Eating your Plant? at Community Education Garden, 1100 N. Western Ave., Wenatchee, offered by the Chelan/Douglas Master Gardener Program.

July 13, Sept. 7, Sept. 14, and Oct. 5. all-day **Saturday** [Geology Bus Tours](#) by Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. \$40/members; \$45 non-members. Register soon- these fill quickly!

July 17, Aug. 21, Sept. 18 7:30-10am. 3rd Wednesday bird walk at Walla Walla Park and Horan Natural Area. Led by NCWAS [Friends of Horan](#). Meet at the restrooms by the lagoon. No RSVP needed – stay as long as you fits your life.

Design your own field trip by exploring the [Guidebooks](#) on the [Wenatchee Outdoors](#) Website.

SUMMER READS:

I am sharing a few titles that are on the top of my to-read pile this summer. It is easy to request books online from [North Central WA Regional Library](#), or to place an order with [A Book For All Seasons](#) located in Leavenworth.

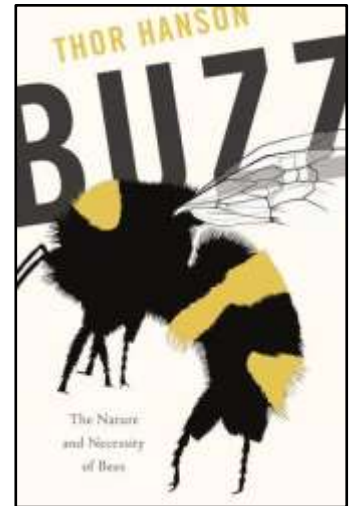
Anatomy of a Rose by Sharman Apt Russell. The inner life of flowers are unveiled as the author poetically brings together the work of botanists around the globe to reveal the science behind the flower and their pollinators. Chapters are short and can be read in any sequence.



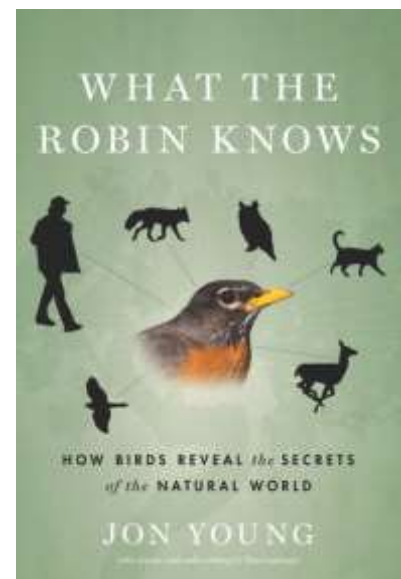
Pacific Northwest Insects by Merrill A. Peterson. The introduction offers an overview to the importance of insects, where to find them in WA, and tips for identification. Excellent photos and descriptions make it fun to figure out an unknown insect.



Buzz: The Nature and Necessity of Bees by Thor Hanson. Conservation Biologist, Hanson, is a gifted writer and shows why bees are wonders to celebrate and protect. His other books to read are *Feathers* and *Seeds*, written from his island home in Pudget Sound.



What the Robin Knows: How Birds Reveal the Secrets of the Natural World by Jon Young. The author explores how a “sit spot” can teach us to decipher the communications going on between birds and animals all around us.



RESOURCES:

Remember to use the [Wenatchee Naturalist](#) website as a quick reference! Helpful pages for summer include:

- [Conifers of WA's East-side Cascades ID](#)
- [Photo Field ID Guide to Reptiles and Amphibians of Chelan County](#)
- [Explore places to see birds in Washington](#)
- [Explore naturalist authors and book titles](#)