



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.



Sept.-Oct. 2019

WENATCHEE NATURALIST NEWS & VOLUNTEER UPDATE

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. 21-White River, Oct.12-Entiat River, Nov. 9-Lower Wenatchee/Icicle, and Dec. 7, ½-day on the Columbia. Check the [syllabus](#) to find an evening class session you may have missed.

Save the Date- Nov. 17- Annual All-Naturalist Volunteer Recognition Social at the college. Details to follow. The Wenatchee Naturalist class of 2017 will be recognized for their cumulative 2-years of volunteer service for conservation. Dr. Mark Oswood will be our guest speaker.

Sept. 27 or Sept. 30 -Field Trip to Chelan Ridge's Hawkwatch. Visit the site with Wenatchee Naturalist, Susan Ballinger on Sept. 27 or NCWAS Richard Scranton on Sept. 30. USFS Biologist, Janet Millard, will host our groups on site to show us bird banding. This is the



best place in WA to see migrating hawks. We will carpool from Wenatchee and plan to share gas costs. All past and current Wenatchee Naturalists (and a companion) are invited to sign up by emailing Susan for Friday Sept. 27 at skylinebal@gmail.com or Richard for Monday Sept. 29 at Rscran4350@yahoo.com

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

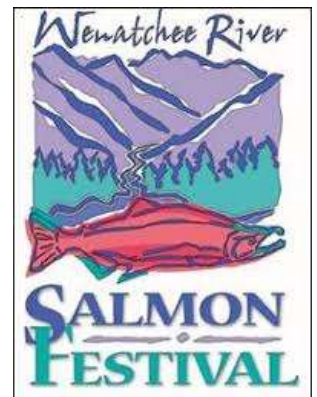
For the Wenatchee Naturalist fall 50-hour course. We depend upon word-of-mouth to fill the class. Please encourage your neighbors and friends to register at [Wenatchee Valley College Continuing Education](#). Classes held on Wed. evenings.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Education

Sept. 19-20- Wenatchee River Salmon

Festival School days at Leavenworth National Fish Hatchery. Volunteers needed to assist elementary students doing fun activities like Riparian Ramble, Kids-in-the-Creek, games, and more (8:30am-2:30pm). Learn more by calling 509.548.6662 or email director@salmonfest.org



■ Education

Sept. 25-27-Kids in the Creek at Entiat



National Fish Hatchery (8am-2:30pm). Assist at education stations or with setup, takedown, time-keeping, or with waders. Contact Amanda Newell at Cascadia (509.436.1601) or email AmandaL@cascadiacd.org <http://www.kidsinthecreek.com/>

■ Education

Oct. 1-4 - 2nd grade field experience. The Wenatchee School District is looking for volunteers to help teach enthusiastic 2nd graders about landforms and geology taking place Oct. 1 - 4, 2019 on the Dry Gulch Preserve at Saddle Rock Trailhead. Whether you only want to help for a couple hours or a half-day or a full day, we have something for you to do! Please call Teresa Hagan at (509) 663-9106 or e-mail her at science_resource@wenatcheeschools.org for more information.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Stewardship

Oct. 23 Riparian planting on Derby Creek. Assist Cascade Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group at a culvert replacement site. Volunteers will help plant trees & shrubs and broadcast seeds. 8:30am-1pm. Contact Aaron Rosenblum (509.630.4160) aaron@ccfeg.org

■ Community Science Project

Explore CDLT's Community Science program offerings here and sign up to join Susan Ballinger on monthly eBird surveys at Horse Lake (10/4 and 10/31) and Mountain Home (9/19, 10/10, 11/8).



OUTINGS & WORKSHOPS:

Sept. 7- Nason Creek Restoration Field Trip (9am-noon) \$25-WRI members/ \$30 non-members. Register with [Wenatchee River Institute](http://WenatcheeRiverInstitute.org).

Sept. 7- Swifts Night Out in Monroe, Washington (4pm till dusk). Celebrate Vaux's swift migration and watch 1000s of birds come to roost in the chimney at Wagner Center, 639 West Main Street, Monroe. Watch a live video stream and learn more about local swift research at <https://www.vauxhappening.org/>

Sept. 14- Reading Forest Health on Nason Ridge. Join forestry scientist, Connie Mehmel, on a hike to learn about forest ecosystems. 9am-2pm. Register at [Chelan-Douglas Land Trust](http://Chelan-DouglasLandTrust.org).

Sept. 15- White River Salmon Tour Learn about sockeye salmon's return to the White River with fish biologist, Chuck Peven. 1-4pm. Register at [Chelan-Douglas Land Trust](http://Chelan-DouglasLandTrust.org).

Sept. 21-22- The Science & Art of Wildlife Tracking with Marcus Reynerson. To learn more, contact Rachel Bishop (rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org) 2-Day Course Cost: \$150 WRI Members, \$175 Non-Members. <http://www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/>

Sept. 30- deadline to Register for the 2018 Chelan Master Gardeners training. 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 13-week training begins in mid-January, 2020, on Tuesday mornings (9am-noon). Cost is \$175. Learn more at <https://extension.wsu.edu/chelan-douglas/gardening/mg/>

Saturday Geology Bus Tours (9am-5pm). Explore the Quincy Basin on **Sept. 21**, Native Heritage on **Sept. 28**, and Lake Wenatchee on **Oct. 5**. Register with the [Wenatchee Valley Museum](http://WenatcheeValleyMuseum.org). \$45.



PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Sept. 12- Propagating/Growing Native Plants. The Wenatchee Valley Chapter, Washington Native Plant Society, kicks off the fall speaker series with a tour led by Derby Canyon Natives owner Ted Alway. Meet at 9750 Derby Canyon Road, Peshastin, 5-7pm.

Wednesday Red Barn Speakers at Wenatchee River Institute, 7-8:30pm.

Sept. 25-Leigh Calvez, Breath of a Whale

Oct. 9- Pacific Salmon-changing climate

Oct. 23- Water Rights

Tues. Oct. 8- Geology of the Okanogan Wenatchee Valley Erratics Chapter, Ice Age Floods Institute at Wenatchee Valley Museum. Don Hruska will talk about the geology of the Okanogan area. 7pm. Free

Thurs. Oct. 10- Traditional Cultural Plants of the Colville Tribe with Sylvia Peasley, Senior Archaeology Technician, Colville

Tribe. Wenatchee Valley Washington Native Plant Society meeting, 7:00-8:30pm at the Wenatchee museum. Free.

Tues. Oct. 15 and 22 -Environmental Film and Lecture Series. 7:00-8:30pm. Check the [WVMCC website](#) for details

Thurs. Oct. 24 -NCW Audubon Society Social featuring biologist/musician, Ken Bevis. Wenatchee Valley Museum at 7pm. Free.

RESOURCES:

Blog- [Awkward Botany](#): Citizen botany for the phytocurious. This entertaining and informative blog created by an Idaho native covers a wide range of plant-related topics.

[Trail Camera Greatest Hits](#) by Ken Bevis, WA DNR Stewardship Wildlife Biologist, writing for the Small Forest Landowners News.

[Watershed Moments](#): Follow Clair Dibble's solo paddling expedition and social-engagement art project covering all 1243 miles of the Columbia River. Maybe you can catch her as she paddles by Wenatchee in early September.

[Changing Wildfire, Changing Forests](#): How Climate Change is Affecting Fire Regimes and Vegetation in the Pacific NW. This USFS created Storymap uses powerful images and words to help viewers understand the complexities of our forests.

[The Summer, 2019 National Audubon Society magazine](#) featured our region's Sagebrush-songbird survey. Many Wenatchee Naturalists served as community science volunteers for this 5-year project. Read and celebrate our collective successes!

[Podcast The Wild-](#) by Chris Morgan, produced by KUOW in Seattle. Join host biologist/photographer Chris Morgan as he explores wildlife and the complex web of ecosystems they inhabit. Recent topics include beavers, grizzly bears, and seeking silence in the Olympics Mountains.

