



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 2019

Please report your volunteer hours!

It just takes a few minutes to email Susan (skylinebal@gmail.com) your total 2019 volunteer hours with a 1-2 sentence description of what you did and the name of the organization. For the **class of 2017**, 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 2018**, this is your first time to share your hours, so don't be shy. Everyone has "forever" to earn their 20+ hours of volunteering pin and bandana. Please send me a picture of yourself in action. Don't procrastinate- do it now!



Mark your calendar to attend: Annual All-Wenatchee Naturalist Social Celebrating Conservation Volunteerism

Sunday Nov. 17, 2:00-4:00pm, Wenatchee Valley College Van Tassell Hall café, free parking on Sundays, beverages provided – bring a finger food snack to share
Wenatchee Naturalists, friends and family are invited to come and celebrate fellow naturalists earning service pins. After recognizing volunteers, the featured guest scientist, Dr. Mark Oswood, will give a talk, *Cold Waters: Doing*

Stream Ecology in Subarctic Alaska. Jon Riley, Chelan County Community Wildfire Liaison, will briefly share highlights of his local work balancing shrub-steppe habitat conservation with reduction of wildfire fuels in Wenatchee's foothills. Susan extends a warm welcome to both Wenatchee Naturalists and NCW Audubon Society members and friends to attend the gathering, which will be held at [Wenatchee Valley College Van Tassell Center](#) café.

Dr. Oswood retired to his hometown of Wenatchee after serving 22 years as an aquatic ecologist, on faculty at University of Alaska as a celebrated teacher and researcher. Many of us know Mark Oswood for his tireless, almost two decades-long, volunteer work as lead educator and humorist for NCWAS. He developed and leads "What's That Bird" field activity that has introduced thousands of local children to the



magic of using binoculars to find and see common birds. He herds his "flocks" of loaner binoculars for

both adult and student group use, including the Wenatchee Naturalist program. Mark has served as a guest scientist for all 11 Wenatchee Naturalist courses. Mark's volunteerism for conservation is something for us all to celebrate.



Fall colors along the shoreline of Fish Lake

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

■ Stewardship Project

Sat. Oct. 26th 9am-2pm *Make a Difference Day* Trail Work at CDLT Horse Lake. Contact Olivia Schilling olivia@cdlandtrust.org 509.667.9708

■ Stewardship Project

Thurs. Oct. 31 8:30am-1pm. Riparian planting on Derby Creek near Peshastin. Contact Aaron Rosenblum aaron@ccfeg.org or 509.630.4160

■ Community Science Project

Nov.-Feb. Sign up to become a [Project FeederWatch](#) volunteer. The amount of time you spend is up to you and even just a 5-minute observation is valuable. An \$18 fee gets you support materials, digital access to publications, and detailed instructions & data-recording sheet.

■ Community Science Project

1st and 3rd Wednesdays bird monitoring with Virginia Palumbo (vwpalumbo@gmail.com) at Beebe Springs. [3rd Wednesday monthly bird walks](#) with Friends of Horan, 7:30am-10am, no RSPV needed

■ Community Science Project

Plan to join one of 6 regional [Christmas Bird Counts](#) between Dec. 17-Jan. 4 in Leavenworth, Bridgeport, Wenatchee, Twisp, Omak/Okanogan, or Chelan. All levels of birders welcome.

■ Education

Wenatchee Valley Museum needs volunteers to help on Saturdays with the **Nov. 9th Salmon Bake** and **Dec. 7th Christmas Family Fun Day crafts**. Contact Jill Sheets jsheets@wvmcc.org or 509.888.6243

OUTINGS, CLASSES & WORKSHOPS:

Fri. Nov. 1 (9am-2pm) [Wenatchee Beaver Project Field Trip](#) (\$28 member/\$35 non-member) led by Project Manager, Cody Gillin of Trout Unlimited & Wenatchee River Institute

Sat. Nov. 2 at 9am [Birding for Kids](#) with Joe Veverka at Walla Walla Point Park. Geared for kids 4-yrs and older, with an accompanying adult, using loaner binoculars. Contact Joe Veverka at mailto:joe_everka@yahoo.com

Tuesdays in Nov. 5, 12, 19, 26. 6:00-8pm. Wenatchee River Institute [Science Speaker Series: Wildlife](#). Held at Milepost 111 Brewing Company, Cashmere. Register with Rachel Bishop rbishop@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org or 509.548.0181 ext. \$60 member/\$75 non-member

Registration open for Apr. 17-19, *Sacred Awareness: Yoga, Birding, and Natural Journaling at Sleeping Lady in Leavenworth* with Joanna Dunn and Heather Murphy. Learn more by emailing yoga@joannadunn.com



Splashes of Oct. color - Cascade Crest, near Snoqualmie Pass



Late fall is a great time to take a hike to see western larch along the service road at Mission Ridge Ski area

TALKS, PROGRAMS & FILMS:

Fri. Nov. 1. 6-9pm [CDLT Annual Celebration Dinner](#) at Festhalle in Leavenworth. Call the office for last minute tickets: 509.669.9708

Mon. Nov. 4 6:00-7:00pm *Blue Zones Project* Community Keynote Presentation, Wenatchee Convention Center. Free- RSVP at <https://go.bluezonesproject.com/wenatchee>
A National Geographic study identified commonalities in communities where people live longer, healthier, and have more active lives. Hosted by [Our Valley Our Future](#)

Wed. Nov. 6 11am-1pm or 4:30-6:30 pm Attend a *Chelan PUD Horan Natural Area workshop* to voice your ideas about the future of habitat, wildlife and human use of Horan. Learn about NCW Audubon Society's specific talking points [here](#), and take a short survey [here](#)

Weds., Nov. 6, 6:00-7:00pm, Wenatchee River Institute [Science On Tap! Lamprey](#) in Wenatchee at 509 Bierwerks, 200 S. Columbia St. Free

Thurs. Nov. 7 7:00-8:30pm Red Barn Event: [Adventures in Storytelling](#) about being outdoors at Wenatchee River Institute. By donation

Tues. Nov. 12, Film: [Bird of Prey](#) about the Great Philippine Eagle at the Environmental Film & Lecture Series, Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center. By donation

Thurs. Nov. 14, 7-8:30pm, Wenatchee Valley Chapter WA Native Plant Society. Guest speaker [Ron Bockelman's talk](#), *Pediocactus nigrispinus Rescue and Replanting at a Kittitas County Wind Farm* Free. Wenatchee Valley Museum. 2020 calendars on sale for \$10

IN THE NEWS:

You've likely heard about the 29% loss of North American birds since 1970, published in the October *Science*, "[Decline of the North American avifauna](#)" by Rosenberg et. al

Read more In the *New York Times*: a [science story](#) by Carl Zimmer and an [op-ed](#) by Cornell Lab director John Fitzpatrick and study coauthor Peter Marra.

How to help? Explore Cornell Lab of Ornithology's practical and effective ideas: [Seven Simple Actions to Help Birds](#).

On a positive note, read about this a 2019

Ecological Economics paper "[The Economics and ecology of shade-grown coffee: A model to incentivize shade and bird conservation.](#)" I've recently started purchasing [Smithsonian Bird Friendly Coffee](#), certified shade-grown organic beans that are grown on farms that provide tree height, diversity and foliage cover essential as habitat for resident and migratory birds in tropical forests, and directly support farmers. I want a local business to start selling this delicious coffee to me locally!

