



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.



## Thanksgiving Season 2020

### A NOTE FROM SUSAN:

We have entered the season of Thanksgiving and I am grateful for our learning community, nestled within the Wenatchee River Watershed. I invite you to rely on the natural world just outside as a powerful force to use to help navigate the challenges of a pandemic winter. Don't forget to use the [Wenatchee Naturalist](#) website as a go-to source for local natural history and follow my [blog](#)! This newsletter is full of ways to bring the joy of nature into your home, heart, and hands.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### Volunteer as a Community Scientist

**November-March.** [Project Feedwatch](#). Full details in my recent Wenatchee Naturalist blog post, *Kitchen Window Community Science* [here](#). Join 20,000 volunteers submitting bird observations to the Cornell Lab of Ornithology.



#### Volunteer as a Photographer

**December-March** photo submission for the 2022 annual [Washington Native Plant Society Photo Contest](#). Purchase the 2020 calendar [here](#).



### VIRTUAL LEARNING

[Seward Park Audubon Center Presentation <<Rewind>>](#) Many fun options, including: *Seattle Urban Carnivore Project*, a project of Woodland Park Zoo and Seattle University, exploring how mammal carnivores live and interact with people across the Seattle region.

[Washington Native Plant Society Virtual Presentations 2020](#). Many options, including Wenatchee Valley Chapter's November program *Plant Endemism and the Wenatchee Flora* by Dr. Walter Fertig. Learn about our region's rare plants!



[Audubon Washington](#)

[Sagelands Seminar](#). Guest speakers tell the story of Washington’s greater sage grouse, in light of the recent wildfires.



[Mountaineers Books and Braided River, Be Well Virtual Series on You-Tube Channel](#) with author dialogues for nature-inspired new books.



**Live Stream Class, Sat. Nov. 28 (noon-4pm)** [Endangered Species Coalition](#) Eco-writing workshop (\$55). Author Miranda Mellis leads this ½-day generative workshop to give writers a way to explore how imaginative and contemplative writing can contribute to the co-recovery of orca and salmon in the Pacific NW. Scholarships available Register [here](#).



Enroll in a free [Beginner Farmer Training Program](#). Offered as a joint effort between the University of California and CalPoly State University through the [Organic Farming Research Foundation](#).

Watch a perky video, [Friend or Foe: The Weeds of Douglas County: Houndstongue](#) to learn how to recognize a newly invading noxious weed we still have a chance to stop.



Watch [Seattle Aquarium’s live cams](#) of your favorite Salish Sea wildlife, like harbor seals and sea otters.

North Cascades Institute’s [Nature-themed podcasts](#) and [books/poetry](#) recommendations by the staff. Recent [Naturalist Notes](#) blog posts include “[Searching for Snakes in the Methow Valley](#),” with local WDFW biologists.

Listen to Emily Plott sing the *Salmon Swimming Home* song, on [Methow Valley Interpretive Center You-Tube](#) Channel.

Read Julanne Burts’ [The Horan Eagles Second Year](#) on the [Wenatchee Outdoors](#) website.

[Explore half-earth day 2020](#)

by the E.O. Wilson Biodiversity Foundation. Inspired by renowned biologist and naturalist E.O. Wilson, Half-Earth is a call to conserve half the Earth’s land and sea in order to provide sufficient habitat to safeguard the bulk of biodiversity. Watch compelling and hope-filled video sessions.



[Corvid Research Blog](#). Follow Kaelie Swift PhD, a visiting lecturer at University of Washington. Her recent posting, “[Addressing anti-Indigenous behaviors in corvid fandom](#),” is thoughtful.

Indigenous Language Class- nxaʔamxćin **Tues., 6-7pm, Nov. 24, Dec. 1, 8, 15, & 29.** Virtual Zoom class. Join Annette Timentwa, of the Colville Confederated Tribes Language Department. (\$60, scholarships available) [Register](#) with Wenatchee River Institute.



[Cornell Lab of Ornithology Bird Academy](#).



Browse their course catalogue to find a class that fits your interest and level.

[Hummingbird Monitoring Network](#). The website has lots of learning resources about our region’s migratory Rufous, Calliope, and Black-chinned hummers. Purchase the 2021 Hummingbirds Calendar (\$17) to support conservation work.

New website launched by [North Central Washington Audubon Society](#)- check it out!

