

**Wenatchee Naturalist Weekly Field Journal Observation Prompts:**

- Week 1** Observe, draw, and describe what you noticed during our first field trip, trying out several drawing techniques presented in the workshop. Find several shrubs and sketch life-sized leaves, using quick drawing techniques.
- Week 2** Hand-draw a map of your site placing North at the top of your page. Record the elevation of lowest and highest point (use Google maps). Label each habitat type and all water bodies. Draw your walking route and label any points where you plan to stop to make observations. Record the distance traveled. Include structures and roads.
- Week 3** Observe, draw, and describe 2-3 conifer trees. Include details of each tree's habitat, oversize & shape and bark. Describe any evidence of disease or evidence of feeding by an animal, or of injury from wildfire.
- Week 4** Observe, draw, and describe 2-3 deciduous trees or shrubs. Include details of each shrub's habitat, oversize & shape and bark. Describe any evidence of disease or evidence of feeding by an animal.
- Week 5** For 1-3 insects, observe, draw, and record observed behavior, habitat, and population levels. Attempt to classify into an insect Order, using class notes. It is ok to take a collecting container to your site and to temporarily capture an insect in order to better observe it in the field, and then release it on site.
- Week 6** Seek out and describe signs of mammal presence; can include evidence of herbivory or predation, tracks, scat, habitat for cover, or presence of food resources.
- Week 7** Seek out and describe a potential habitat and possible food item for either a reptile or an amphibian.
- Week 8** Draw a geologic feature visible at your site. Describe the soil texture, color, and depth. Describe three dominant plants at your site, and sketch their growth forms.
- Week 9** Become a forensic botanist, looking for dead parts of wildflowers and grasses, and try and determine what plant it might be. Seek out evidence of long-lived perennials, currently dormant above ground, at your site.
- Week 10** Quickly draw 1-3 birds, using the blind contour drawing technique. Take descriptive notes on body shape, color pattern, beak and head shape, behavior, and use of habitat elements.
- Week 11** Prepare you end-of-class presentation centered around your field site.