



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.



Summer 2021

A NOTE FROM SUSAN

Summer has arrived! I hope this is a season of reconnecting with family, friends and to our region's lands and waters.

I'm working with the college to finalize the fall 2021 in-person 50-hour Wenatchee Naturalist course (details still pending). If you have friends interested in taking the course, invite them to email me (skylinebal@gmail.com). Twelve weeks of classes will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 15, (6:00-8:30 pm) with Saturday field trips on Sept. 25, Oct. 16, Nov. 13, and Dec. 4.

I invite you to read my [blogs](#), including my recent pieces featuring [Wenatchee Rock Rose](#) and [Mountain Lady's Slipper](#).



All during the Pandemic, I've been writing *Curious About* posts to connect readers to nature just outside our doors, including blogs about:

[Antelope Bitterbrush](#), [American Goldfinch](#), and Torsten Watkin's guest blog about [liking snakes](#).

Thanks to Wenatchee Naturalist photographer Lisa Robinson



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ Community Science Project

Sign-up and take the [Xerces Society's Pollinator Protection Pledge](#):

1. Grow a variety of bee-friendly flowers that bloom from spring through fall.
2. Protect and provide bee nests and caterpillar host plants.
3. Avoid using pesticides, especially insecticide
4. Talk to my neighbors about the importance of pollinators and their habitat.

■ Community Science Project

[Bumble Bee Watch](#) is a collaborative effort to track and conserve North America's bumble bees. Follow on Facebook [here](#). This community science project allows for individuals to:



- Upload photos of bumblebees to start a virtual bumblebee collection;
- Identify the bumblebees in your photos and have your identifications verified by experts;
- Help researchers determine the status and conservation needs of bumblebees;
- Help locate rare or endangered populations of bumblebees;
- Learn about bumblebees, their ecology, and ongoing conservation efforts; and
- Connect with other community scientists.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS



[Pollinator Power Party 2021 on Monday, June 21 through Saturday, June 26.](#) The Pollinator Partnership is very excited to be collaborating and co-hosting the virtual programs. Exciting opportunities include party boxes, scientific lectures, celebrity cooking demonstrations, pollinator art and culture, habitat management and gardening tips. Whether you are a land manager, corporate

sustainability leader, home gardener, or a student.... there is something for you.

Check out the Xerces Society's [Pollinator Conservation Resources: Pacific Northwest Region](#).

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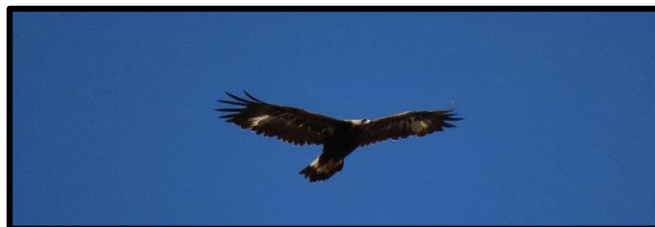


Scroll through virtual presentation options offered in April-May by the [Washington Native Plant Society](#). Learn about ongoing research about recent dieback of Western Red Cedar or take a virtual botany backpack to Royal Basin in the Olympic National Park. Learn about wildflowers of the Washington/Idaho border, the Ecology of Washington's bogs, or moths of the Pacific Northwest. Something for everyone!

Did you miss [Chelan-Douglas Land Trust's](#) Wild Ideas talks about biological soils, salmon, and salamanders? [Watch recordings here](#).

[Hawkwatch International](#) offers a series of digital education resources about hawks, owls, eagles, and vultures. [Watch a short video](#) and meet their education birds. Print your own [Raptor ID Fact sheets](#).

Golden eagle, Canyon Number Two, Wenatchee



FIELD TRIPS

Guided Nature Walks at [Wenatchee River Institute](#) are being offered four times/week in June. Register and learn more [here](#). Sign up for [Scouting for Butterflies with David Droppers](#) on Thursday, July 15th.



Learn how to canoe: July 10th or Aug. 14th. Offered by the Wenatchee Row and Paddle Club with ACA certified instructor, Heather Herbeck. You do need to join the club. Learn more [here](#).

Birding field trips are back! [North Central Washington Audubon Society](#) is again offering in-person field trips! [Monthly walks at Horan Natural Area](#) resume on July 7, Aug. 4, and Sept. 1, from 7:30-10:00 am.

[Leavenworth Winter Sport Club Ski Hill Lodge Music Series](#) is on June 18 and 25. Enjoy a walk to see flora and fauna, and then stay for live music on the rustic lodge's patio.

[Ohme Gardens](#) is ramping up their outdoor special events that include concerts and movies. Yoga is on Mondays and Wednesdays at 5:30 pm all summer. A family-friendly *Gnomes and Fairies* is on-going. Many tree, shrubs and flowers native to the eastside of the Cascades are



here, so you can practice plant ID as you explore the pathways and take in the view.

RESOURCES:

Male Western Tanager waiting to be seen in a forest near you!



[Washington Geological Survey](#) has just released high-quality landform images for your viewing delight. View the [Giant Ripple Marks West Bar](#) located South of Wenatchee, [The Stratovolcano Glacier Peak](#) or the [glaciers of Mt. Rainier](#).

Plant lists for many popular hiking destinations in each Washington county are available to print on the Washington Native Plant Society [Plant List webpage](#). Chelan County has lists for 82 locations, so your destination is likely covered.

Are you one to take photos of a mystery wildflower and hopefully figure out what it is? Try using the [University of Washington Burke Herbarium's easy-to-use key](#). You answer a series of basic questions (non-technical!) and a list of options is generated.

Wenatchee Rock Rose on Devil's Spur Trail

