



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.

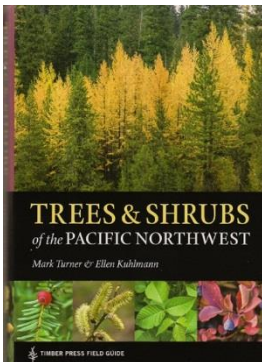


Fall 2021

A NOTE FROM SUSAN



Fall colors are just around the corner and the cooler temperatures make being outside invigorating. As we continue to social distance and limit travel, consider exploring local places new-to-you that are great for viewing wildlife and habitats. Pull out your journal and visit new local natural areas listed on this [webpage](#).



Fall is a good time to identify the distinctive leaves on native deciduous trees and shrubs. Website tools include my [slideshow](#) and [native plant ID cards](#). The field guide pictured is my go-to choice for learning the Wenatchee watershed shrubs.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

■ Stewardship Project

Plan to check the [CDLT website](#) for fall restoration planting volunteer work parties, including Make-A-Difference Day, and late November sagebrush seedhead collecting near Spiva Butte in Douglas County.



OUTDOOR TALKS

Weds., Sept. 29, 5-6 p.m. [Homewaters: A Conversation about Connections](#). A Red Barn Event at Wenatchee River Institute. Free!

FIELD TRIPS

Guided Nature Walks at [Wenatchee River Institute](#) are being offered four times/week. Register and 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](#) are on the first Wednesday of the month, from 7:30-10 a.m.

VIRTUAL TALKS & FILMS

[Cascadia Conservation District's 2021 Native Plant 101](#) speaker series. Fall is an ideal time for landscaping, so these archived March 2021 talks are timely to watch: *Using Native Plants in the Landscape* with Betsy Dudash, *Using Native Plants for a Firewise Landscape* with Al Murphy, *Noxious Weed Control* with Julie Sanderson, and *Native Plant Selection and Maintenance* with Mel Asher.

[Partnering to Conserve Sagebrush Rangelands](#) works to enact cross-boundary management and restoration of sagebrush rangelands for people, wildlife, and the economy. Check out their excellent very short videos including [Sagebrush Country Is Part of Who We Are](#), and [Up In Smoke Playing with Fire \(6min.\)](#)

ONLINE CLASSES

[Creative Concepts Workshops](#) bring artists, creative writers, and scientists together around a theme related to animal extinction and give participants the opportunity to practice making conservation science more accessible, meaningful and relevant.

[Indigenous Language Class - Nxaʔamx̣čín](#) with Annette Timentwa, Language Curriculum Coordinator for the Colville Confederated Tribes Language Department. 4-5 p.m., Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10, 17, and Dec. 1. Register with Wenatchee River Institute - pay what you can.

[Workshop: Learn Four More Families of Flora Hour-](#) Umbels, Pinks, Phlox, and Saxifrage, with David Giblin, Collections Manager, University of WA Herbarium. [Register](#) for all four sessions for \$50, or \$15/session.

PODCASTS

[Creature Conserve with Dr. Lucy Spelman](#). Meet wild animals up close and personal with people that know them best. Zoological veterinarian Spelman is the author of National Geographic Animal Encyclopedia and her patients include giant pandas, Asian elephants, giant river otters, and mountain gorillas.

[Field Notes from Montana Natural History Center](#). Nature notes and inquiries, Hosted by Montana Public Radio

[The Science of Birds](#) by Ivan Phillipson, a Portland-based naturalist guide with a background in scientific research.

[Northwest Nature Matters](#), produced by the Oregon Chapter of the Wildlife Society in partnership with the Oregon Wildlife Foundation. Conservation + natural history explained. Recent topics include loons & bats.

[Highland Wonders](#). Join Okanogan Highlands Alliance in learning about ecosystems and wildlife of North Central WA. Each podcast includes a nature detective story.

[She Explores](#). A podcast for and about women who are inspired by time spent outside, showing that all sorts of women, of all ages and abilities, are enjoying the outdoors.

[These Lands](#): The Northwest Climate Hub Podcast, focuses on creative and engaging delivery of regionally relevant climate change adaptation information.

[Podcasts from the USFS Pacific NW Research Station](#) Listen to episode 2 of Fire Ecology chats with University of WA professor, David Peterson about effects of changing climate and wildfire regimes.

RESOURCES:

I invite you to read and subscribe to my Wenatchee Naturalist [blogs](#), including my recent pieces featuring [Clark's nutcrackers](#) and [whitebark pine](#). In the upper Icicle watershed.



[Merlin App now has Sound ID!](#) Bird song ID is now easy! Download the most current version of Merlin Bird ID to your phone (free), and activate the [Sound ID feature](#). You'll be able to hold out your phone, tap record, and get suggestions in real time, along with recordings of comparison species to help confirm the bird you are hearing.

[Subscribe](#) to the WSU Extension Chelan/Douglas County Master Gardeners Program newsletter.

[Washington Geological Survey](#) has recently updated their one-page map and 700-word text summarizing the *entire* geologic history of Washington. These authors have recommended this clickable list of Washington geology books:

- *Roadside Geology of Washington* by Marli Miller and Darrell Cowan
- *Geology Underfoot in Western Washington* by Dave Tucker
- *Washington Rocks! A Guide to Geologic Sites in the Evergreen State* by Eugene Kiver, Chad Pritchard, and Richard Orndorff
- *Geology of the San Juan Islands* by Ned Brown
- *Geology of the North Cascades: A Mountain Mosaic* by Rowland Tabor and Ralph Haugerud
- *Hiking Guide to Washington Geology* by Bob Carson and Scott Babcock

Did you now that geologists rely on [field journaling](#) as a primary method to gather data? Check out an [interactive map](#) of historical journal entries you can read from all over Washington, including many from the Wenatchee Watershed.

ADVOCACY

[Audubon Washington](#) is offering an environmental priorities training session to help volunteers learn to advocate to their state representatives. Register for one of two virtual one-hour trainings on either [Sept. 22](#) or [Sept. 25th](#).

NATURE JOURNALING

Thinking about getting back into nature journaling? Any of these free online workshops might give you inspiration.

Take a free, online nature journal lesson from [John Muir Laws](#). Options include watching a free instructional video.

Download [Christine Elder's](#) free ebooks: *Getting Started with Nature Sketching*, *Nature Journaling for all ages*, and *Quick Start Guide to Travel Journaling*.

Watch and paint along with [Molly Hashimoto](#) as she demonstrates how to paint a Northwest forest scene, from her book *Colors of the West*.

Explore [Clare Walker Leslie's](#) website, and her book *The Nature Connection: An Outdoor Workbook for Kids*. It is a workbook designed to show children and adults the excitement of discovering nature outside.

Australian artist, [Paula Peters](#), offers her book *Make a Date with Nature: An Introduction to Nature Journaling*. Download a free copy at her website and try a few of her suggested activities.

