



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.



## Winter 2023

### A NOTE FROM SUSAN

Winter greetings as we move into 2023 and each day brings a few more minutes of sunlight. Please join me in welcoming 22 new Wenatchee Naturalists – [Meet the Class of 2022](#) in this slideshow.



As you see these new Wenatchee Naturalists out-and-about, say hello: Ayla Medina Ulloa, Carrie Pruitt, Chad Henderson, Chris Clark, Deb Bumgarner, Dee Butcher, Derrell Ness, Elizabeth Sollie, Jane Lee, Karen Haire, Kay Lisch, Lola Kemp, Kirk Beckendorf, Mary Austin, Milt Douglas Michelle Sutherland, Monica Valle, Nancy Dunn, Patti McGaughey, Pierre Dawson, Shellee Heron, and Shelly Forster.

During 2022, three Wenatchee Naturalists earned their 20+ Volunteer Hour pins and bandanas: Two served as [Community Science Volunteers](#): Christy Nielson served with the [NCWAS Kestrel Nestbox Project](#) and Tom Ettinger with the [Cascades Carnivore Project](#). Bob Doolittle volunteered for [Place-based Education](#) with the [Wenatchee Valley Museum's](#) youth and education programs.

Remember, you have “forever” to earn your 20+ volunteer hour pin and bandana! Members of [Class of 2019](#) have until the end of 2023 to earn additional 50+ and 100+ hour service pins.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

#### ■ Community Science Project

Feb. 17-20<sup>th</sup> [Great Backyard Bird Count](#) Spend time in your favorite places watching birds—then tell us about them! In as little as fifteen minutes notice the birds around you. Identify them, count them, and submit them to help scientists better understand and protect birds around the world.

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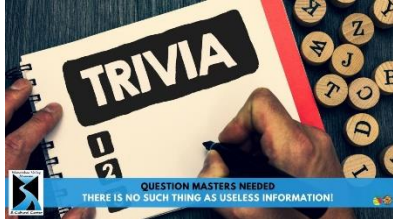
[Applications are open](#) for the Washington Rare Care program under University of Washington Botanic Gardens. Volunteers are trained to visit known populations of rare plants to collect data and report. Learn more [here](#).

## ■ Community Science Project

Jan. 15-Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, Become a [National Audubon Society Climate Watch](#) volunteer and join a local chapter survey team. Contact Richard Scranton to learn more (Rscrans4350@yahoo.com)

## ■ Place-based Education Projects

The Wenatchee Valley Museum is partnering with the



library to offer Trivia Nights at the museum. Volunteers are needed to call, score, serve refreshments, and to be question bank masters. Contact Jamie Johnson at [JJJohnson@wvmcc.org](mailto:JJJohnson@wvmcc.org) for details.

## FIELD TRIPS

[2nd Wednesday Wenatchee River Institute Beginner Bird Walks](#) with Tucker Jonas. Free and no registration needed.

### Jan- Feb.

[Weekend Snowshoe Strolls at the Hatchery](#) Register on WRI website.

### Jan.- Feb.

[Weekday Snowshoe Strolls at WRI.](#) Register on WRI website



## MOVIE NIGHTS

Watch [North Cascades Institute's Tree Talks with Theo.](#)



Theodore Hoss presents a new video series to educate people of all ages on forest ecology and important species of the North Cascades, including [alpine larch](#) and [red alder](#).

Watch the recording of Derby Canyon Natives Founder, Ted Alway's talk, [The Wenatchee Mountains, Geology, and Special Plants.](#) This was a joint December program of the WNPS Wenatchee Valley Chapter, and Wenatchee River Institute.

## TALKS

Weds. Jan. 18<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Red Barn Event [Leavenworth Mill Dam Rehabilitation and Recreation Improvement Project.](#) Free, in-person and/or hybrid.

Weds. Jan 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. [Eric Wagner's After the Blast: Mt. St. Helens 40 Years Later](#), a free Virtual Humanities Washington Program offered by NCL. [Register here](#)

Weds. Jan. 25<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Red Barn Event [Grizzly Grub: Bear Habitat in the North Cascades with Bill Gaines.](#) Free, in-person and/or hybrid.

Weds. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. Red Barn Event [Antioine Etienne and the Flora of His Namesake Creek by Don Schaechtel.](#) Free, in-person and/or hybrid.

Weds. Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup>. Red Barn Event [Western Monarchs- Migration, Adaptation, and Resilience by Dr. David G. James.](#) Free, in-person and/or hybrid.

Weds. Mar. 8<sup>th</sup>, 9am-4pm. [2023 Washington Botanical Symposium](#) In person at University of Washington, with online option.





## READ!

Read the [Whitebark Pine Ecosystem Foundation's](#) article about the [recent listing of Whitebark Pine as a Threatened](#) under the Endangered Species Act.

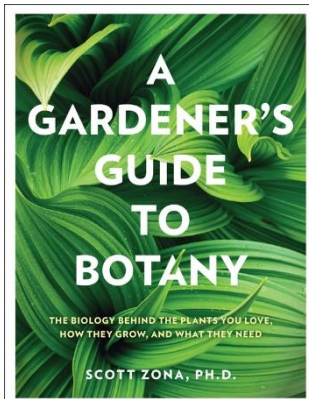


**Finch Identification Quiz.** The Cornell Lab's Bird Academy released a [free, replayable quiz](#) to help birders learn the differences among three very similar finches: House Finch, Purple Finch, and Cassin's Finch. Paired with identification tips from [FeederWatch's Tricky ID page for these species](#), the quiz is a fun way to test your skills with great photos of these species.

**Read the Wenatchee Naturalist blog** about the recently re-started process to evaluation [reintroduction of grizzly bears in the North Cascades National Park](#).

The [Awkward Botany](#) blog with a review of the newly published, *A Gardener's Guide to Botany* by Scott Zona

[Do Cold Temperatures Kill Bark Beetles?](#) By Melissa Fischer, Forest Entomologist, WA State Dept. of Natural Resources.



Ever heard of the [Cloud Appreciation Society](#)? One membership benefit is a cloud-a-day daily email. A subscription might make a gift for a person who has everything!

Download a free copy of the art-filled [2023 Pollinator Party calendar](#) (printed copies available for purchase).

The [Xerces Society's Blog](#), "[When Voluntary Action Isn't Enough: The Case For Regulating Pesticide-Coated Seed](#)" by Aimee Code. Check out their [Pollinator Conservation Resource Center](#).

Corvid Research Blog "[How Corvids Mimic Human Speech](#)" Kaeli Swift, PhD, serving as a Visiting Lecturer at University of Washington.

