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ABA Birding Code of Ethics

The NCWAS Field Trip Committee voted to adopt the parts of the ABA Birding Ethics pertaining to field trips and strengthened one item, part of 1b: "limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds" to "strongly discourage the use of electronics to attract birds". This would include electronic songs and play-backs but exclude pishing and imitating calls.

1. Promote the welfare of birds and their environment.

1(a) Support the protection of important bird habitat.

1(b) To avoid stressing birds or exposing them to danger, exercise restraint and caution during observation, photography, sound recording, or filming.

Limit the use of recordings and other methods of attracting birds, and never use such methods in heavily birded areas or for attracting any species that is Threatened, Endangered, of Special Concern, or is rare in your local area.

Keep well back from nests and nesting colonies, roosts, display areas, and important feeding sites. In such sensitive areas, if there is a need for extended observation, photography, filming, or recording, try to use a blind or hide, and take advantage of natural cover.

Use artificial light sparingly for filming or photography, especially for close-ups.

1(c) Before advertising the presence of a rare bird, evaluate the potential for disturbance to the bird, its surroundings, and other people in the area, and proceed only if access can be controlled, disturbance minimized, and permission has been obtained from private landowners. The sites of rare nesting birds should be

divulged only to the proper conservation authorities.

1(d) Stay on roads, trails, and paths where they exist; otherwise, keep habitat disturbance to a minimum.

2. Respect the law, and the rights of others.

2(a) Do not enter private property without the owner's explicit permission.

2(b) Follow all laws, rules, and regulations governing use of roads and public areas, both at home and abroad.

2(c) Practice common courtesy in contacts with other people. Your exemplary behavior will generate goodwill with birders and non-birders alike.

3. Ensure that feeders, nest structures, and other artificial bird environments are safe.

3(a) Keep dispensers, water, and food clean and free of decay or disease. It is important to feed birds continually during harsh weather.

3(b) Maintain and clean nest structures regularly.

3(c) If you are attracting birds to an area, ensure the birds are not exposed to predation from cats and other domestic animals or dangers posed by artificial hazards.

4. Group birding, whether organized or impromptu, requires special care.

Each individual in the group, in addition to the obligations spelled out in Items #1 and #2, has responsibilities as a Group Member:

4(a) Respect the interests, rights, and skills of fellow birders, as well as people participating in other legitimate outdoor activities. Freely share your knowledge and experience, except where code 1(c) applies. Be especially helpful to beginning

birders.

4(b) If you witness unethical birding behavior, assess the situation and intervene if you think it prudent. When interceding, inform the person(s) of the inappropriate action and attempt, within reason, to have it stopped. If the behavior continues, document it and notify appropriate individuals or organizations.

Group Leader Responsibilities [amateur and professional trips and tours]:

4(c) Be an exemplary ethical role model for the group. Teach through word and example.

4(d) Keep groups to a size that limits impact on the environment and does not interfere with others using the same area.

4(e) Ensure everyone in the group knows of and practices this code.

4(f) Learn and inform the group of any special circumstances applicable to the areas being visited (e.g., no audio playback allowed).

4(g) Acknowledge that professional tour companies bear a special responsibility to place the welfare of birds and the benefits of public knowledge ahead of the company's commercial interests. Ideally, leaders should keep track of tour sightings, document unusual occurrences, and submit records to appropriate organizations.

Please Follow this Code and Distribute and Teach it to Others

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“Enhance, protect and restore healthy natural ecosystems and native biodiversity using science, advocacy, education and on-the-ground conservation to promote the welfare of birds in North Central Washington”

NCW Audubon on Social Media

by Monica Maxwell, Wenatchee

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We invite you to connect with us on social media! Please join us on Facebook and Instagram where we offer fun and interesting information including videos, articles, trivia, and upcoming events. We would also love to share your bird photos on our Instagram feed. Tag us using @NCWAudubon and use our hashtag #ncwaudubon.

Please take a moment right now and visit our pages and click “Like” or “Follow.” We look forward to bringing you lots of great information and keeping in touch. We hope you comment on our posts and feel free to ask any questions or share our content with friends and family who would enjoy the information.

HAPPY LEARNING and BIRDING,

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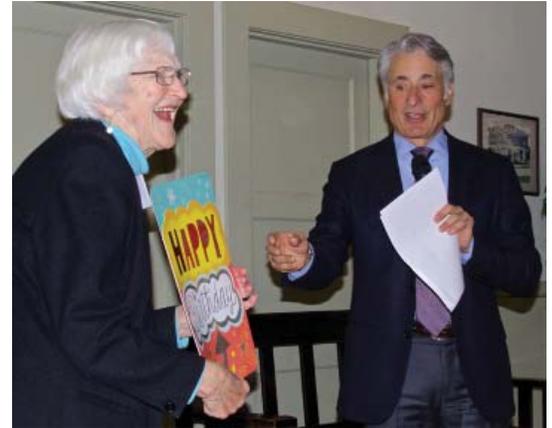
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To join the National Audubon Society which also includes a subscription to the Wild Phlox, please see their website at www.audubon.org



Recently the Audubon Washington family lost a great person – Helen Engle passed away at the age of 93. Helen dedicated her life to saving wild places. Gail Gatton of Audubon Washington said “Helen provided something worthwhile to our world, and especially to the Audubon community. Along with Hazel Wolf, Helen is responsible for starting nearly every chapter in our state during the time period fifty or so years ago when Audubon put effort into building out the grassroots network that is still one of our major strengths today. Her own chapter, Tahoma Audubon, just celebrated its fiftieth anniversary in February. Helen was a fierce advocate for the birds, taking that passion everywhere, from the state capital to the halls of congress. She served on the National Audubon board and was honored with a lifetime achievement award in 2013.” I was privileged to know Helen and have a hard time imagining a world without her in it. Her obituary can be found on the Tacoma News Tribune’s website.



Helen Engle with David Yarnold, CEO of the National Audubon Society photo by Don Wilott

Spring is returning slowly to NCW. Much of our four-county region remains covered with snow. And yet, spring migrants are returning.

Everyday there is a sighting of something new – first the swallows and phoebes and bluebirds and then vultures and even Killdeer. Mornings are full of finch song at my house. Great Horned Owls hoot back and forth to each other in the pre-dawn moonlight. Last night I heard a Northern Saw-whet Owl tooting, endlessly. Bluebirds and swallows are checking out nest boxes. Meadowlarks are singing. I even think I heard a Rufous Hummingbird this week. That’s an early hummer for the Methow Valley.

If you are getting ready to feed hummingbirds, remember the best formula is a one to four ratio of white sugar to water. In other words, one cup of sugar dissolved in four cups of water. Refrigerate the extra sugar water.

Allisa Carlson reminds us that Ospreys will soon be nesting all over NCW. Remember to pick up your used baling twine so it doesn’t get included in an Osprey nest. Each year it seems that one or more birds fall victim to baling twine by getting their foot caught in it and then being unable to leave the nest. It’s a tragic sight to see and most of their nests are too high for anyone to be able to assist a stuck bird.

We spent a frigid and snowy week in Yellowstone earlier this month and were lucky to see elk, bison, bighorn sheep, fox, coyotes and wolves too. I think we saw only eleven bird species. But a pair of ravens may have been the most charming of all the animals we observed. A winter trip to Yellowstone is highly recommended. If not traditional.



Common Raven photo by Teri J Pieper

NCW Recent Bird Sightings

Chelan County: Gray Jays, Common Ravens, Cassin’s Finches, Pine Siskins and Red-breasted Nuthatches were seen at the Stevens Pass parking lot. Violet-green Swallows and Say’s Phoebes were seen near Leavenworth. Tree Swallows were seen near Malaga. Peregrine Falcons and Golden Eagles are being seen near the WDFW office outside of Wenatchee.

Douglas County: A Harris Sparrow visited a feeder in Bridgeport. A pair of Barrow’s Goldeneyes were seen at Coyote Dunes. Snow Buntings were still being seen on the Waterville Plateau. Sagebrush Sparrows were reported in Moses Coulee just south of Jameson Lake. A Savannah Sparrow and an American Tree Sparrow were reported at Bridgeport Bar.

Ferry County: Trumpeter Swans were seen on the

Columbia, north of the 395 bridge. A Merlin was seen at Swawilla Basin. Bewick’s Wrens were seen along the Sanpoil River at Bridge Creek Road. A Northern Saw-whet Owl was heard along Mikalson Road. A Golden and a Bald Eagle were seen on a carcass on the Inchelium Highway.

Okanogan County: Snow Buntings were seen on Bally Hill near Twisp. American Robins and Bohemian and Cedar Waxwings have been feeding together in Okanogan. Yellow-rumped Warblers were seen near Mazama and at Washburn Island. Killdeer were seen at Washburn Island and near Twisp. A lone Snow Goose is with a flock of Canada Geese on Washburn Island. Turkey Vultures were reported near Bridgeport State Park and near Monse. Dusky Grouse and Western Meadowlarks are being seen in the Methow. Northern Saw-whet Owls were seen at Pearrygin Lake and at Big Valley.

compiled from the ncwabird email list and eBird and Tweepers by Teri J Pieper

Beginning Birding Field Trip

by Janet Bauer, Winthrop

Janet Bauer will lead a “Beginner’s Birding” field trip on May 11 from 8-10 am around the Riser Lake area outside of Winthrop. Meet at the Red Barn parking lot in Winthrop at 8:00 am. Plan to hike one to two miles looking for Western Meadowlarks, bluebirds, Spotted Towhees and more. Limit of ten people. Contact Janet to RSVP at jrsbauer@gmail.com.



California Quail
photo by
Peter Bauer,
Winthrop

NCWAS Chapter Social - Part Two

by Julie Hovis, Winthrop

Last September the North Central Washington Audubon Society held a meet-and-greet social in Wenatchee and soon we will do it again in the Methow Valley. We will gather on Thursday May 23 at the Methow Valley Interpretive Center on the TwispWorks Campus, 210 Fifth Avenue in Twisp, from 7:00 – 8:30 pm. Days will be longer by then so you may want to arrive a little early and take a stroll around the native plant garden adjacent to the Interpretive Center.

Audubon members and non-members, beginner and expert birders of all ages, and anyone interested in birds are invited to come together to enjoy some refreshments, meet your board members, learn about the Chapter’s activities, and share your latest birding experiences. Plus, Janet Bauer has created a fun and educational “*What’s That Bird?*” photo quiz to help you brush up on your bird identification skills. Janet is an excellent bird photographer and her quiz is sure to be the highlight of the evening. So please mark the date on your calendars and plan to help us celebrate birds on May 23!

NCW Audubon Four County Big Day

by Art Campbell, Winthrop

Come join us for North Central Washington Audubon Society’s inaugural Big Four-County Bird Count to be held on June 1, 2019. We’ll be counting birds within Chelan, Douglas, Ferry, and Okanogan counties. Go to our website at <http://www.ncwaudubon.org/> to find out more about the areas and routes we’ll count.

If you’d like to participate in an intense, fun day of birding that will contribute to our knowledge of birds in North Central Washington, contact Art Campbell at the following e-mail address: rapakivi@methow.com.

Horan Natural Area Program

Sitting at the confluence of the Wenatchee and Columbia Rivers, the Horan Natural Area offers a unique birding and recreational area in the Wenatchee Valley. The area has an extended history of use by Native Americans, settlers, orchardists and recreationists. Today, the area is managed by Washington State Parks as a part of the Confluence State Park. A trail through the area can be accessed from the Confluence State Park area (Discover permit required) or from Walla Walla Point Park (free parking, restrooms). The trail runs through large cottonwood galleries and shrub-grass communities. As an eBird “hotspot,” the Confluence Park/Horan area has over 200 species documented.

As nice as the Horan Natural Area is today, it could be improved. Water used to flow into the area from natural streams, storm drainage and irrigation overflow. For a variety of reasons, that surface flow no longer contributes to the ponds and channels in the area. The



Horan Natural Area

photo and article by Bruce McCammon, Wenatchee man-made ponds in the Horan fluctuate with groundwater and provide limited habitat for waterfowl and riparian bird use. Weeds have become well established. Educational signage and resting benches need maintenance.

NCW Audubon is focused on improving the ecological sustainability in the Horan to provide bird and wildlife habitat. We see the imminent planning by the City of Wenatchee (Confluence Parkway) and the Chelan PUD (Rock Island Dam relicensing) to be great opportunities to improve not only bird habitat, but also to enhance educational and cultural opportunities for the Wenatchee Valley.

Bruce McCammon will present a short program about the history, current conditions and future opportunities in the Horan Natural Area. The program, sponsored by NCW Audubon, starts at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 2 at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center. Admission is by donation.

Getting to Know Your Board Members - Joe Veverka

by Penny Tobiska, Wenatchee

Tell us a little about your background and how you came to be interested in the natural world and birds. I don't recall when I became interested in the natural world. The love of nature was always there. I credit my Dad for encouraging my interest in nature by taking me to the local nature center and also teaching me how to hunt Iowa pheasants and catch fish. My Grandpa also was an avid fisherman; he taught me how to catch carp using Hardee's French fries scavenged from a park trash can. I amassed a large collection of field guides in grade school reflecting a rotating interest in various manifestations of nature. Birds were always of interest and soon a strong interest in ecology and conservation took root.

I received a degree in Biology and Wildlife from the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point. During college and in the decade following I traveled throughout the US for field work working for low wages and plentiful sunshine. A "biobum" is the term for this lifestyle. Most jobs were bird-related including banding and point count surveys, but I also worked with mammals large and small, fish, butterflies, and plants. After finishing up a field season in Borneo I landed in southern Arizona where my wife Kim had just accepted a job offer. I was last employed by the National Park Service working as a Biological Technician at Organ Pipe Cactus National Monument until January 2017 when we moved to the Wenatchee Valley. Since moving to Washington I have been birding with my four-year-old daughter, Abby and volunteering when I can. We really like it here and plan on staying permanently.

How did you learn birding by ear? It was necessary for me to learn birding by ear for several of my field jobs. I spent a lot of time listening and tracking down songbirds and listening to recordings. Initially it was daunting, moving to a new location and learning the various bird species' songs, local dialects, call notes etc. But, after doing this several times I have built a quasi-reliable mental library available for reference which makes birding new locations easier. I still find myself stumped and like to get visual confirmation from time-to-time.

Birding by ear is something I really enjoy and need to keep practicing. It's always fun to hear two species I once found confusing and suddenly realize the songs sound quite different. Progress. There is nothing more enjoyable than hearing a dawn chorus peak in an otherwise quiet place whether it's a fallow field, remnant prairie, woodland, or shrub-steppe.

What are some of your other interests? Most of my free time is spent birding. Other hobbies are ones I can do while birding. Hiking, camping, and backpacking are all at the top of the list. I thru-hiked the Pacific Crest Trail in 2013. I've also spent a month hiking in the High Sierra and a couple weeks backpacking the Superior Hiking Trail along the north shore of Lake Superior. Wandering into remote areas for long periods of time is something I'm fond of. I also enjoy gardening and landscaping. I need to find indoor hobbies for those foul days. I do like reading on all sorts of topics. Books on history, science, culture as well as nature writing, and classics are among my favorites.



Joe Veverka
photo provided

What is one special birding memory you could share? So many great birding memories. First one that comes to mind: I was a teenager riding my bike back from the Lime Creek Nature Center on a muggy summer evening as one of those legendary Midwestern thunderstorms was rolling in. The sun was lowish and just right; I could see a large squadron of American White Pelicans gleaming white with black wingtips backed by leaden thunderheads. Each time they banked they would disappear, bank again and reappear. I had to stop and watch for several minutes. A second moment also stands out. One of my brothers and I were floating on inner tubes in the middle of a lake one summer when I felt a weighty splat

on the back of my neck. Naturally I accused my brother of throwing sand at me though we were in a location making this impossible. Once I realized he wasn't to blame I squinted up at the cloudless sky and saw one lone gull circling far overhead. My brother confirmed it was not sand on my neck. Incredible marksmanship!

Okanogan Sagebrush Songbird Survey Training

by Allisa Carlson, Okanogan

We will be holding an Okanogan Sagebrush Songbird Survey training on April 14. We will conduct a survey in the morning and pass out some goodies such as a cd of sagebrush songbird songs to hone your ears. I like to play it as I drive up to the site for the survey. Afterwards we will have a breakfast training session for some additional computer work. Essentially, it's a morning of birding and eating.

Please RSVP and let other birders in the area know. Contact Allisa Carlson at Okanogan Conservation District, phone: 422-0855 ext. 111, email: allisa@okanogancd.org.

This training is also available near Ephrata. See page 6 for details.

Goings on Around NCW

Despite piles of snow, spring really is just around the corner! Instead of feeling glum about the weather, start filling your calendar with talks, outings, classes, and volunteering that will get you outside with others who celebrate our four seasons of beauty.

eBird projects at CDLT Horse Lake and Mountain Home.

April - October. Join Susan Ballinger on Thursday mornings as part of a team conducting bird surveys. Learn more on the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust website.

Sagebrush Songbird Survey Field Training: April 6, 10 am - 4 pm OR April 7, 9 am - 3 pm. Field training for Sagebrush Songbird Survey near Ephrata. For information, contact NCWAS Survey Chair, Richard Scranton (rscrans4350@yahoo.com).

Annual Spring Work Days at Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center, Entiat. Rake & improve trails, replace & install signs, remove brush & open the lookouts. April 13, 9 am - 2 pm. Dave Spies 670-4875 or daves60@aol.com

Educational Volunteer Opportunities:

Any Monday 3:30 - 5:00 pm at a **Wenatchee elementary school's after school program.** Volunteer to be an extra pair of hands, assisting a Wenatchee River Institute Traveling Naturalist. Learn more by contacting Trinity Korcz Tkorcz@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

April 23, 25, 26, 30. Come **be a nature guide** for local third grade students at Wenatchee River Institute Field Days.

No experience necessary: you will be trained the day of the program and your role as nature guide will depend on experience and comfort level. Contact Will Crowley, WRI Youth Programs Manager, if you're interested: wcrowley@wenatcheeriverinstitute.org

Sign-up now to volunteer for Wenatchee School District's **Science Field Experiences.** Send an inquiry email to science_resource@wenatcheeschools.org. You'll be trained to help students explore the natural world:

Fifth Grade **Shrub-Steppe'n Up Saddle Rock** April 16-19, 8:30 - 2:30, at Saddle Rock.

First Grade **Shrub-steppe Hill Hike** April 30, May 1, & May 2 8:15 - 2:15, at the Jacobson Preserve

Fourth Grade **River of Power** May 21-23 at Rocky Reach Dam.

Kinder **Tree Walk** May 14-17, 8:30 - noon at Confluence State Park.

Hikes and Field Trips

Wildflower Walk at Jacobson Preserve. April 23, 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Celebrate Native Plant Appreciation Week with CDLT Conservation Fellow Susan Ballinger. RSVP requested.

Leavenworth Wildflower Walks. April 11, 2 - 5 pm, April 26, 2 - 5 pm, May 7, 2 - 6 pm, May 30, 2 - 6 pm. Join Connie McCauley to explore the Ski Hill area, looking at wildflowers, birds, and wildlife. Depending upon interest and conditions, participants will explore both ski trails and bike trails during this three-hour walk. Connie has explored these hills for forty years and enjoys sharing her local knowledge with all ages and backgrounds. Meet at the Ski Hill Parking lot on 10701 Ski Hill

by Susan Ballinger and others

Drive in Leavenworth. Please dress for the conditions. RSVP appreciated but not required. Contact Hillary at 667-9708 or hillary@cdlandtrust.org to RSVP.

Talks and Films

Migratory Birds with Don McIvor (Science officer for NCWAS). Methow Conservancy First Tuesday, April 2, 7 - 8:30 pm, location TBD. Don will talk about about Migratory birds as international citizens who know no borders. In the Methow, our avian migrants knit us together with landscapes as distant and exotic as the high arctic tundra and the pampas of South America. So come explore the fascinating natural phenomena of bird migration, tying in what we know—or can guess—about the seasonal movements of “our” migrating feathered friends.

Nason Creek Floodplain Re-connection Project.

Wenatchee Native Plant Society, April 11, 7 - 8:30 pm. Jennifer Hadersberger with Chelan County Natural Resources Department, will provide an overview of the Nason Creek restoration project as well as a discussion of lessons learned during the revegetation contracting and native plant installation. Site re-vegetation efforts included seed collection within the Nason creek watershed and growing over 15,000 native plants to restore the ten plus-acre work area. This presentation will be held at the Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center and is free and open to the public.

Environmental Film & Lecture Series.

April 16, 7 - 8:30 pm. **A Plastic Ocean** begins when journalist Craig Leeson, searching for the elusive blue whale, discovers plastic waste in what should be pristine ocean. In this adventure documentary, Craig teams up with free diver Tanya Streeter and an international team of scientists and researchers, and they travel to twenty locations around the world over the next four years to explore the fragile state of our oceans, uncover alarming truths about plastic pollution, and reveal working solutions that can be put into immediate effect. Suggested donation \$5. Wenatchee Valley Museum.

View **Redefining Prosperity** and meet Seattle documentarian, John DeGraf. The story of how a small & polarized community came together in the effort to save a beautiful river. Learn about DeGraf's campaign, **And Beauty for All**, to bring Americans together and healing our wounds by embracing natural beauty and human design in ways that revitalize our communities and renew our environment. Wenatchee Public Library. April 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm.

Help with Earth Day

Sustainable Wenatchee's second annual **Earth Day Fair** at Pybus Events Center. April 20, 10 am – 2 pm. Check out information from local environmental groups, enjoy hands-on activities for adults and kids, and celebrate the 49th Earth Day. Booths and volunteer opportunities are available. To get involved, inquire by email at sustainablewenatchee@gmail.com.

Butterflies of the Okanogan

by Julie Vanderwal, Okanogan Highlands

Okanogan County is host to 124 of the 155 butterfly species recorded in Washington. On Friday, April 5, Caitlin LaBar will speak about some of the ecogeographical aspects that contribute to this incredible diversity, what species you can expect to commonly find and some of the more reclusive species to watch for. Also learn how you can contribute to ongoing research by photographing and recording data through various methods. Two of Caitlin's books will be available for purchase: *Butterflies of the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area* and *Pocket Guide to the Butterflies of Washington*, both of which were used as part of OHA's 2018 butterfly field trip.

This is part of the Okanogan Highlands Alliance Highland Wonders series. This is the last indoor presentations for the season. The event will be at the Community Cultural Center (CCC) in Tonasket at 411 South Western Avenue. Dinner benefiting the CCC will be at 5:15 and costs \$9. The presentation is free. Afterwards there will be tea, coffee and desserts by donation to the CCC. For more information contact Julie Vanderwal, Conservation Coordinator, Okanogan Highlands Alliance, 476-2432 or www.okanoganhighlands.org/education/hw

Wenas Audubon Campout

by Wendy Walker, Seattle Audubon

You are invited to attend a celebration of birds, bats, butterflies, botany, and the beauty of spring in eastern Washington. The 56th Annual Wenas Audubon Campout will take place on Memorial Day Weekend (May 24-27) at the Hazel Wolf Bird Sanctuary at the Wenas Creek Campground (SW of Ellensburg).

This casual and friendly gathering offers a variety of activities, including birding field trips, wildflower walks, field sketching, owl prowls, and campfire presentations, PLUS a special guest speaker, corvid researcher Dr. Kaeli Swift, Ph.D. You do not need to be an Audubon member to attend. All are welcome to this family-friendly event.

Visit the Wenas Audubon website (www.wenasaudubon.org)

for directions, an outline of field trips and programming, and more information (2019 program coming soon). The campout is free and open to all ages. No reservations or registrations needed; just show up, set up camp, and participate in activities.

Donations are encouraged to cover SaniCans, signage, and other administrative costs. Every vehicle must display a Washington State Discover Pass (<http://www.discoverpass.wa.gov/>). Barring high fire danger, campfires will be allowed. Follow us on Facebook, too! We'll be sharing photos and stories from past years, as well as tips from Wenas Campout pros to help make your trip a fun and memorable experience. [facebook.com/wenasaudubon/](https://www.facebook.com/wenasaudubon/)

Questions? Contact Carol Kohler, carolkohler98607@gmail.com

Kids in the Forest: Connecting Students with the Natural World

photo and article
by Amanda Newell

Cascadia Conservation District

Kids in the Forest provides teacher training, classroom workshops and forest field experiences for fifth to eighth graders to learn about forest and wildfire ecology, to understand what healthy and unhealthy forests look like, and how wildfire and forest management play an important role in maintaining healthy watersheds. Our kids' contact with nature keeps shrinking. Getting kids into forests and helping them learn about sustainability is good for forests and good for kids. Kids in the Forest will focus on enriching the link between people and forests. By creating baseline knowledge, students will learn to talk about forest management and wildfire in their community in a way that supports sustainable approaches to land management.

Critical to the success of the program is integrating project partners into the field experience to provide students an opportunity to connect with professionals in the resource management field and

ask questions about their jobs and how they got to where they are. Early exposure to natural resource management as a fun, exciting, and realistic career path will help to keep forest management and stewardship of public lands a valued career path in future generations. Partners for this program include Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center, Sustainable Forestry Initiative, Washington State SFI Implementation Committee, Columbia Breaks Fire Interpretive Center, North Central Washington Forest Health Collaborative, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, and The Wildfire Project.

Join us! We are seeking natural resource professionals passionate about teaching kids the importance of the natural world to join us during field days in May/June to assist at education stations. To learn more contact Amanda Newell at amandal@cascadiacd.org or 436-1601.



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April 3 and 17	Beebe Springs Bird Walk	1st and 3rd Wednesdays with Virginia Palumbo. See our website for details
April 17	Horan Area Monthly Bird Walk	Every 3rd Wednesday. See our website for details
April 2	Horan Area Program	with Bruce McCammon. See page 4 for details
April 2	Migratory Birds Program	In the Methow, with Don McIvor. See page 6 for details.
April 5	Butterflies of the Okanogan	Okanogan Highlands Alliance in Tonasket. See page 7
April 6 or 7 or 14	Shrube Steppe Survey Training	In Ephrata or Okanogan. See page 5 and 6 for details
April 27	Field trip to Douglas County	with a new trip leader - Kav McGeough! See our website
May 11	Beginning Birding Field Trip	with Janet Bauer in the Methow. See page 4 for details
May 16-10	Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest	www.leavenworthspringbirdfest.org/
May 23	NCWAS Social	Get social in Twisp! See page 4 for details
May 24-27	Wenas Audubon Campout	Birds, Flowers, Butterflies, Nice people. See page 7 for details
June 1	NCWAS Four-county Big Day	Plan your route. Pick your team. Get Ready. See page 4 and also next month's Phlox

More Spring Events listed on page 6

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