



## Visiting with Raptors: Third Annual Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival

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by Bridget Egan, Corvallis

Join the Methow Valley Ranger District, North Central Washington Audubon Society, and HawkWatch International this fall for the third Chelan Ridge Hawk Migration Festival! This free family event combines activities in Pateros with trips to the Chelan Ridge HawkWatch site to learn about and celebrate raptors as they journey to winter territories. This all happens at Memorial Park in Pateros, Washington on September 8th, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

You will get to shop vendors, get face-to-face with owls and hawks, and take a field trip to the spectacular Chelan Ridge Raptor Migration Site. During the day, shuttles will run from Pateros to Chelan Ridge where visitors will be able to see raptors like Sharp-shinned Hawks up close when they are banded and released.

Chelan Ridge sits 5675 feet above sea level along the flyway of migrating raptors like the unexpected Broad-winged Hawk. Biologists who live at the Ridge during the migration season will offer insight into what it is like to live and breathe raptors and show how the birds are banded and tracked. This is an amazing experience with environmental education and interpretation conducted by an on-site educator, Forest Service personnel, and volunteers.

In Pateros, there will be fun for all ages. An owl pellet station features hands-on science, while Washington State University students will introduce visitors to live owls, hawks, and eagles. The festival is also a great place to check out cutting edge optics from Wild Birds Unlimited and the latest birding guides and books from Trails End Bookstore. Attendees can also go on a guided birding trip with experts to identify waterfowl and migrating songbirds while exploring along the Columbia River.

This festival is scheduled to coincide with the peak of southbound migration of raptors at Chelan Ridge — the best place in Washington to view fall migrating raptors. This educational effort is focused on raptors and the ecosystems upon which we all rely. According to Kent Woodruff, a biologist for the Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests, “The Chelan Ridge project is good news for hawks, which in some cases still face challenges for survival. It’s also great for nature enthusiasts who like to see animals in the wild doing what comes naturally and see scientists at work trying to learn more about the raptors as they migrate south to

spend the winter.” The 2010 and 2011 festivals drew several hundred people who were delighted to see hawks up close, build nest boxes, and spend a day learning all about raptors. Join us for the 2012 festival!

Information for field trips and the shuttle to Chelan Ridge can be found on NCW Audubon’s website, [ncwaudubon.org](http://ncwaudubon.org), or by searching North Central Washington Audubon Society on Facebook. Shuttle rides fill quickly! We encourage early registration. To view the shuttle schedule and reserve a spot, please click on the following link on the HawkWatch International website: <https://hawkwatch.org/component/dtregister/> Children must be 11 or older to ride the shuttle.



A Red-tailed Hawk from the WSU Raptor Club at last year’s festival. photo by Teri J Pieper

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## Methow

### Salmon Celebration

The Methow Restoration Council has teamed up with Methow Arts Alliance, the Methow Valley Interpretive Center, and TwispWorks to create the 2nd annual Methow Salmon Celebration and Community Dinner to honor the teamwork and community support involved in restoring salmon in the Methow. The event takes place on Sunday, September 30.

The BIG BLUE BUS will shuttle people from the TwispWorks parking lot to the Twisp Ponds. The Salmon Celebration begins at 1 pm with science and art activities for the whole family, and an Artist Dedication Ceremony honoring the newly installed public art pieces by Cordelia Bradburn, Dan Brown and Bruce Morrison. Partake in a scavenger hunt with Watershed Watchers involving booths by **NCW Audubon** (another migratory stop for our Analog Birds), Yakama Nation Fisheries, Rolling River, Mask Making with Methow Arts, Artwork on the trails and much more. At 4:30 The festivities move to TwispWorks for a salmon and potluck dinner at 5:00, local music, and a bon fire. Join the storyteller in the salmon tent, partake in a chalk art project, learn how salmon nourish our rivers and create healthy communities, bring a potluck side dish and enjoy the free salmon dinner on the lawn. Donations are gratefully accepted for the salmon dinner, with all proceeds benefitting the Methow Valley Interpretive Center.

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Your NCW Audubon board members met in mid-August to talk about all things related to NCW Audubon and to catch up with each other. Being that our Chapter covers such a far-flung territory (Chelan, Douglas, Okanogan and Ferry Counties), we don't have that many chances to meet face-to-face. We all enjoy it when we do get together. Much of our 'business' occurs through email, USPS mail and conference calls. Always important on our agenda are our many educational and outreach endeavors. From Hawk Fest to Bird Fest to Salmon Fest and our touring Analog Birds, along with occasional Bird Walks and Other Events, we continue to try to reach young (and not so young) budding (and experienced) naturalists with our message: protecting habitats for birds, to preserve biodiversity in NCW for people and other animals. This year we are facing another big agenda item – we need some new board members. We would like to have representation from all four counties. With the recent addition of Jenny Graevell, we now have a Douglas County member. We still hope to recruit someone from Ferry County. Additionally Mark Oswood, who has been our long-time president, as well as membership chair and in charge of mailing and all things education, is stepping down at the end of the year. He would like to keep his toes in the education waters and the rest of the board is grateful for that. However, he leaves some big shoes to fill in those other positions. So if you get a call from a board member inviting you to coffee or to go for a walk, you may expect to be asked to be part of this very functioning and fun board of directors of your LOCAL Audubon Chapter. And if you think you'd like to get that call, please contact one of us listed on page 2 – over there on the left. We are very friendly and welcoming and look forward to getting to know you better!

We would like to have some 'letters to the editor' here at the Wild Phlox. Send me your letters and we will publish them monthly. I hope to create discussions about Audubon and Birds and Birding in NCW.

Another feature I would like to implement is a list of interesting bird and natural history sightings for each month. I've noticed that other Chapter newsletters may have a whole page or two of these sightings! For instance, Jenny drove over the Coluckom yesterday and saw lots of birds with some migrating mixed flocks of warblers, vireos and kinglets. The recent burn hosted male and female Williamsons Sapsucker, Hairy Woodpecker, Northern Flicker, and Red-naped Sapsuckers and a White-headed Woodpecker. Let us know what you see. Send them to me or to the bird sightings email shown on the previous page and we will get them published.

Earlier this month I got to spend a few days at Lost Lake in the Okanogan Highlands. It was wonderful to see this young Common Loon who has so far, survived the onslaughts from various predators including the Bald Eagle that took its sibling when it was quite little. You can learn more about this bird on page seven.



Young Common Loon at Lost Lake  
photo by Teri J Pieper

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## Seeking Citizen Science Volunteers for the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area

by Chuck Gibilisco, WDFW

WDFW are needs your assistance to monitor the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area in Okanogan County. Join the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in a citizen science initiative to conduct a long-term Ecological Integrity Monitoring (EIM) on the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area. You will be provided training, and free access to the wildlife area.

WDFW's research scientists will provide Citizen Science volunteers training on:

- Photo-point Monitoring - using your digital camera or Smart Phone to take photos at specific GPS points using WDFW protocols, and uploading the images to a WDFW website.
- Habitat Data Collection - record key habitat features you observe on data collection forms and upload the information to a WDFW website.

Citizen Science volunteers: You will need a camera (digital

or SmartPhone), and access to a computer website. You can elect to report data at a specific site or multiple sites. Our training workshop is scheduled for Saturday, September 29, 8:30 am - 3:30 pm with lunch provided, at the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area Office.

Register for the training at [wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/](http://wdfw.wa.gov/about/volunteer/)  
Sinlahekin Wildlife Area workshop location: From Omak: Drive North past city of Riverside on Highway 97, go five miles and turn left onto Pine Creek Rd., drive west for approximately eight miles which becomes Fish Lake Road, enter the Sinlahekin Wildlife Area, then drive twelve miles of gravel road to the north past Fish Lake, Blue Lake, Ford Lake and Connors Lake, turn right as the gravel ends, and take the driveway to the house/office at the top of the hill.

For more information contact: Chuck Gibilisco at (360) 902-2364 [Charles.Gibilisco@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:Charles.Gibilisco@dfw.wa.gov)

# Masters of the Natural

by Kelsey Schuttie, CDLT

This past spring, the Wenatchee River Institute, in partnership with the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, offered Wenatchee Valley's first Master Naturalist course, joining a growing nationwide movement to engage citizens in the natural world. Master naturalist programs run in at least 26 different states and use a hands-on approach to engage participants in their local environment. The benefits of these programs are amazing, for both participants and their community. Annette Jouard, who lives in Cashmere and finished the course this spring, said the "class helped re-instill the sense of wonder about nature in me. I had lost that a bit but gained much of it back." In Texas, master naturalist program volunteers have donated over 334,000 hours of service with more than 260 local partner organizations. The Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach & Service Programs values just Texas' naturalist volunteer labor at more than 6 million dollars with 75,000 acres of wildlife and native plant habitat enhanced and 530,800 youth, adults and private landowners reached.

If course creator and teacher Susan Ballinger has anything to say about this, Washington will not be far behind Texas. The Wenatchee Naturalists' mission is to "cultivate awareness, understanding, and stewardship of the Wenatchee River region by developing an active corps of well informed community volunteers." Susan is a biologist and educator whose life passion is inspiring others to engage in their natural world. This enthusiasm was a hallmark of her course and inspired the participants to be active observers of their local environment.

On a recent Land Trust field trip to Stormy Creek in Entiat,



Mark Oswald give last year's Naturalist students a lesson in something aquatic. photo provided

it was easy to see who was a naturalist: they had journals in hand, sketching trees and shrubs, listening to each bird note, bending down to closely examine butterflies, flowers, and leaves. Vicki Cibicki finished the naturalist course this spring and said, "This class re-invigorated me. I've come to see the beauty in my own backyard, you might say! This class has truly honed my observation skills."

These skills are developed through Susan's curriculum that brings experts in the field—geologists, biologists, entomologists, and more—into the classroom each week. These lessons are then applied in field trips all over the area where class members can immerse themselves in the flora and fauna of our region. Annette Jouard asks, "How can you not be excited about macroinvertebrates when Mark Oswald is teaching it or [when] following Phil Archibald around and learning about the Land Trust Property?"

Susan's next Wenatchee Naturalist class will begin will begin September 20th and meet on Thursday's for twelve weeks. Both Jouard and Cibicki highly recommend the class for those who have time to devote to it. What should new students expect?

Cibicki responds, "Be ready for personal growth and excitement with the outdoor world! Watching nature is daily school... Susan has put a lot of time and energy into developing this class; if you are seriously interested, make the commitment to attend regularly."

For more information, visit [www.barnbeachreserve.org/](http://www.barnbeachreserve.org/) programs or call 548-0181.

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## The Art of Nature Journaling - Autumn November 2 - 4

by Heather Murphy, Leavenworth

Discover and nourish the life-long joy of creating an illustrated nature journal. Drawing, painting, writing and field records will unleash the intrigue of the out-of-doors in a fun and inspirational way. Experienced and beginners in art and science are all welcomed. The retreat provides time to hike or time for studio work. Supplies may be purchased at the workshop. Our Spring workshop was a blast; we had people from as far away as Chicago. We saw mountain goats, nesting ospreys, and unfolding of wildflowers. The journals were filled! We enjoyed the "down time" of attending the Icicle Creek music concert, as well as got to sit in on rehearsal.

We had a splendid time. The retreat fee of \$330 includes five meals, two nights' lodging, workshop tuition, field trips, journal and concert.

To register, please contact Conni Williams at Icicle Creek: [cwilliams@icicle.org](mailto:cwilliams@icicle.org) or phone 860-1949. Please see Icicle Creek Center for the Arts website [www.icicle.org](http://www.icicle.org). For workshop information, supplies list and course curriculum please contact Heather Murphy: [heather@wildtales.com](mailto:heather@wildtales.com) or 548-7757. See website [www.wildtales.com](http://www.wildtales.com)

The Art of Nature Journaling Retreat Series continues with a Winter Weekend Retreat - January 11 - 13, 2013

# Celebrate Art and Nature with the Wenatchee River Institute

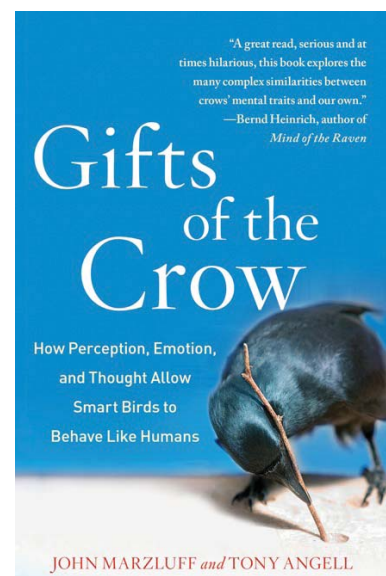
by Gail Roberts, Plain

September 21, 7-9 p.m. at Sleeping Lady Mountain Retreat ***What Does Nature Think?***

As part of the Watershed Art 10th Anniversary Reunion, environmental educator/sculptor/author Tony Angell returns to Leavenworth for a presentation focusing on his new book, co-authored with John Marzluff, “*Gifts of the Crow: How Perception, Emotion, and Thought Allow Smart Birds to Behave Like Humans.*” Crows are mischievous, playful, social, and passionate. They have brains that are huge for their body size and exhibit an avian kind of eloquence. They mate for life and associate with relatives and neighbors for years. And because they often live near people—in our gardens, parks, and cities—they are also keenly aware of our peculiarities, staying away from and even scolding anyone who threatens or harms them and quickly learning to recognize and approach those who care for and feed them, even giving them numerous, oddly touching gifts in return. In partnership with A Book for All Seasons. Free.

September 22, 11 a.m. -2 p.m., at E. Lorene Young Audubon House, 250 12th Street, Leavenworth. ***Watershed Art Collection: Open House and Book Signing***

Wenatchee River Institute hosts the 10th Anniversary Reunion of prominent artists who participated in the Watershed Art Project that culminated in 2 major art exhibits in Leavenworth and Wenatchee in September 2002. The public is invited to meet the artists and view the permanent Watershed Arts Collection. Several artists have books available for sale and will be on hand to sign them. In partnership with A Book for All Seasons. Free.



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## Feathered Architects - The Fascinating World of Bird Nests

by Gail Roberts, Plain

On August 31, from 7-9 p.m. the Wenatchee River Institute (formerly Barn Beach Reserve) and NCW Audubon Society will host a special presentation by Idie Ulsh. This program will explore how and where birds make nests, and examine interesting aspects of their construction. Ms. Ulsh has photographed the nests of more than 30 bird species and has done an extensive three year review of bird nest literature. In addition to her own photos, she will present photos from many excellent local photographers and the University of Puget Sound Slater Museum.

Idie Ulsh is well known for her bird and butterfly programs. She is a member of the Washington Ornithological Society, past president of Seattle Audubon, founder of the Washington Butterfly Association, Seattle Audubon Master Birder, nature photographer and an independent college counselor.

Please join us for this unique program. The Wenatchee River Insitute is located at 347 Division Street, Leavenworth. [www.barnbeachreserve.org/events/](http://www.barnbeachreserve.org/events/)

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## How to Identify the Buckwheats (*Eriogonum*) of Eastern Washington

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

September 13, 7-9 p.m.

Wenatchee Valley Museum & Cultural Center

Speaker: Pam Camp, retired

Bureau of Land Management botanist

Have you ever wondered about the various buckwheat species in our area? There are eleven common ones growing in NCW. This is an informational and fun interactive workshop to learn how to identify the different *Eriogonum* species. Pam will start us off with an overview of the family and genus and then guide us through identification. She will bring plant samples to look at and to “key” out together – no prior experience with buckwheats is necessary. If you have them, bring a hand lens and your copy of *Flora of the Pacific Northwest*. Extra copies of the book and some hand lenses will be available to share.



Native *Eriogonum* species  
photo by Teri J Pieper

# Notes from Mazama

article by Bob Spiwak, Mazama

August is more than half over. Days have been hot, hot, hot here on the border between forest and desert. No sign of rattlesnakes around the place; garter snakes are sometimes visible swimming the pond or cruising through the grass. We should have grasshoppers by now for the snakes as well as the pond fish, but I have only seen one of the insects.

The ducks apparently had a hatch; whether they were woodies or Mallards we don't know, in part because they were kept in the rugged, tree-fallen, brushy upper reaches around the pond where they can't be seen. But after an absence of any ducks, juveniles suddenly appeared with their mother. Maybe. They are close to the same size, and one mom for sure is a Wood Duck. For the past couple of weeks there have been two or three paddlers, all still on alert and as soon as we move, even inside the house looking out the windows, they are gone to their hidey holes. This morning there were five and with learned caution I was able to view them with the binoculars.

Outside on the deck we have recycled a defunct microwave of generous proportions to store two pairs of 8X binos. They are protected from the weather and sunlight. While the ducks refuse to be viewed by any human on the deck, the fish are more amenable to being looked at. I will put a spare camera in there when the winter birds return.

There's been bear scat around the property but they have not yet attacked the nascent apples on several trees around the place. Even the serviceberries have so far been spared, and now they are dried and shriveled. This condition may deter

human gathering, but not the *Ursus* gang. I've seen three black bears so far.

My wife has long wondered about floral nectar, and making several inquiries could not find anyone who had the answer until now. She was reading Richard Coniff's *Swimming with Piranhas at Feeding Time* and the query was answered. It was - do flowers make more nectar after having a hummingbird or other nectaring critter visit? According to Ms. Gloria, Coniff states that hummingbirds remember individual flowers over the course of a day and revisit them based on how quickly the flower can replenish its nectar supply.

The hummers have pretty much abandoned us with only about three remaining. A few weeks ago there were ten times that number gathered and quarreling around the feeders. Gloria takes on the demeanor of a mad scientist when it is time to fill the feeders. If I were ever to film it I would have her attired in surgical scrubs, face masked, and with sparkling chrome dispensers of water and sugar ready to be activated by her neoprene-gloved hands. These are de rigueur for sterilizing the red and yellow containers, usually three times daily. Or so it seems.

We are a day shy of a month until the equinox and I look forward to that day and hope it is sunny, so that I can calibrate an artful sun dial. It is very pretty however it needs to be calibrated to the solar shadow. This piece of art has North at 170 degrees.

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## Busy First Year for the Okanogan Wildlife League

The Okanogan Wildlife League (OWL), located in Oroville, has taken in 61 animals since January (as of mid-August). Ten have been released and eight are still in rehab. Sadly, the rest of them died or had to be euthanized. Not only does OWL take in birds, we also take in most other wildlife.

These include fox squirrel, beaver, raccoons, mule deer and coyotes. One of the more unusual, or perhaps unexpected is a better word, birds was a Snowy Owl found in the Okanogan Highlands in mid-summer. This bird should have been in the tundra of Alaska or northern Canada. Other bird species include Osprey, Mountain Bluebird, Cooper's hawk, Golden Eagle, Common Nighthawk, Common Poorwill, Hairy Woodpecker and Starling, among others.

OWL's educational work included presentations at several libraries and the Spring Bird Festival in the upper Methow Valley. We are planning visits to schools to encourage students to study biology, ecology and animal care. OWL is also available to help fulfill some community service

If you come across an injured animal, contact the Okanogan Wildlife League at 560-3828 or [okanoganwildlife.webs.com](http://okanoganwildlife.webs.com)

by Lisa Lindsay, Director, OWL

projects and assignments. Many interests can be accommodated at OWL – for example construction or landscape work, veterinary, biology, ecology, or bilingual talents, business interests, art or graphic design, etc. We can work with students (or non-students) to find a niche in which to lend a hand!

OWL held its second annual yard sale and raised approximately \$2400. We are setting aside \$800 to pay for the non-profit filing fee and another portion was used to purchase materials to construct an 8' x 16' x 8' enclosure which will soon be constructed. Other portions have been used to purchase food and pay for medical supplies and veterinary visits. Two local organizations also made donations that will be used to construct an outdoor habitat for our educational Western Screech Owl, Pigwidgeon. Our current need is for a deer enclosure. It needs to be at least 30' x 50' x 6' and it needs to be predator proof. We will start a campaign for this project once we compile a materials list and receive an estimate.

# What You May Have Missed In The Okanogan Highlands This Summer

article and photo  
by Julie Ashmore, Okanogan Highlands

It has been an exciting summer for Okanogan Highlands Alliance, and we look forward to the work that will be done as the days become shorter and the sun becomes gentler. The outdoor portion of the education program has drawn to a close, the restoration program is shifting toward the work that is best done in autumn, and the mine monitoring program continues to keep a close watch on the Buckhorn Mountain gold mine and the proposed exploration.

Summertime Highland Wonders opened with a window into one of the few remaining remnant Cedar Ecosystems in Okanogan County, guided by George Thornton, a local botanist and schoolteacher.

The distinctive smell of moist cedar greeted the group upon arriving, while large Western Red Cedars towered above, and the soundscape of Cedar Creek formed the backdrop, as Mr. Thornton described the unique nature of the ecosystem and the life thriving there.

Two new trails were built this summer and were soon utilized by “The Magic of Wetlands” habitat tour that took place in July, led by George Wooten (local botanist), Bob Gillespie (Entomologist, WVC), and Kathleen Johnson (Wildlife Biologist, WVC). The tour provided an opportunity for the community to learn more about wetlands from several angles, particularly plants, insects and birds (respectively).

OHA worked with the Curlew Job Corps Forestry Program to build the new trails, which provide access to viewing wetlands without trampling the sensitive life found within them. The Pine Chee Wetland trail, located south of Chesaw, is complete and open to the public, creating a new place where the community can explore nature and learn about highland wetlands. The trail overlooks the Black Cottonwood forested wetland, and then provides access to a special landform feature where dense, upland soils protrude into the wetland like a small peninsula, allowing for a close-up view of the wetland plants, trees, birds and stream channels. The Lost Lake Wetland and Wildlife Preserve also has a new wetland trail, which overlooks the Engelmann Spruce Forested Wetland and will continue to

be used during guided hikes. The first portion of the Lost Lake upland trail is complete and will be open to the public in the near future, while the remainder of the upland loop continues to be constructed. The trails will feature trailside interpretive signs highlighting the natural history of the area. Contact OHA for details on accessibility.

OHA’s outdoor Highland Wonders season closed with an all day tour, “Geology of the Okanogan Highlands,” led by Steve Box (USGS), Ralph Dawes (WVC), and Cheryl Dawes (B.S. Geological Sciences). Transported by a school bus, community members stopped in several



The Pine Chee Wetlands near Chesaw

locations along a loop that spanned the Republic and Toroda Grabens as well as the Okanogan Metamorphic Core Complex. From pictographs to garnets, and from volcanic/granitic faults to the highly unusual Corkscrew Mountain, the group considered a diverse array of features that shape the landscape as we know it.

It has been a full summer, and more work remains to be done. This is an important time of year for monitoring the Lost Lake wetland, which produced two loon chicks this year, with one surviving these first vulnerable few months. The surviving chick was banded in July by the Biodiversity Research Institute, assisted by several community members. It has been exciting to see the chick survive its various threats, from the bald eagle that dive-bombed the nest and

aggressively sought the chicks, to the many mammals, fish and bird species that can prey on small loons. The chick is now gaining its adult plumage and is growing steadily, as it must be strong enough to migrate before Lost Lake lake freezes over. OHA continues to observe the development of the loon chick, and to monitor the biological resources being protected in the wetland.

OHA invites you to visit our website, [www.okanoganhighlands.org](http://www.okanoganhighlands.org), to learn more about these projects and what is being done to protect aquatic and terrestrial habitats, and the ecotones in between, in the Okanogan Highlands.

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September 30	Methow Salmon Festival	Another migration for our Analog Birds. See page 2



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