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Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest 2023 by Karen Haire and Mark Johnston, Leavenworth

Join the Wenatchee River Institute (WRI) and NCWAS for the 21st annual Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest from May 18-21, 2023! This year marks 21 years of promoting conservation through educational and recreational activities about birds, wildlife, and their environments. Bird Fest celebrates the connections between people, birds, and the natural world, from the forested mountains to the shrub-steppe. Come celebrate with us and discover the natural beauty and wonders of North Central Washington as we welcome the return of migratory birds. Enjoy the excitement by joining a birding field trip, workshop, or event! This is a family-friendly festival open to all ages, abilities, and experience levels. All of this is happening in beautiful Leavenworth and throughout the Wenatchee Valley.



Highlights of this year's festival include:

May 18, Thursday: Field trips to Foster Creek, Swakane Canyon, and Nason Ridge Community Forest.

May 19, Friday: Field trips to Chelan Coulees, Fish Lake, and Badger Mountain; workshops on raptors, photography, and hummingbirds; and a Bird Games and Trivia gathering with beverages.

May 20, Saturday: Birding field trips to Spiva Butte, Cashmere Canyons, Douglas Creek, and also trips focusing on dippers, geology, and wildflowers. Saturday includes Family Day from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, an afternoon social, and a BBQ on the WRI lawn. The Saturday evening keynote address will be given by John Marzluff, PhD and Professor in the School of Environmental and Forest Sciences within the College of the Environment at the University of Washington. He may be best known for his research on corvids, but he also does work with Prairie Falcons, Golden Eagles, Northern Goshawks, and the endangered Hawaiian Hawk, one of the rarest birds in the world. Dr. Marzluff is the award-winning author of several books including *Gifts of the Crow*, and *Welcome to Subirdia: Sharing Our Neighborhoods with Wrens, Robins, Woodpeckers, and Other Wildlife*. (See page 2 for information about Dr. Marzluff's keynote address.)

May 21, Sunday: Field trips to Number Two Canyon, Mountain Home, and Dan Stephens' famous all-day trip to the Douglas County coulees.

We thank our partners, sponsors, and volunteers for helping make this year's Bird Fest soar! Registration for all events will open on April 11. All current information and details can be found at <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/education-programs/community-programs/bird-fest.html>. (See pages 3 and 4 for more information about Bird Fest!)

Nominations Are Now Being Accepted for the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest Founders' Award!

by Randee Zerger,
Wenatchee River
Institute

Help the Wenatchee River Institute and NCWAS celebrate and honor volunteerism. The Founders' Award was inspired by the team of people who came together in 2003 to launch the very first Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest. Nominations are open for two categories, Individual Volunteer and Professional. Award decisions will be based on one or more of the following criteria:

- Provided a significant amount of time and energy in support of Bird Fest goals and tasks.
- Developed a policy or process change which has contributed to the more efficient and expansive operation of Bird Fest.
- Longevity of volunteer service to Bird Fest.
- Contributed significantly through community science efforts in support of mission objectives. This could be in the development of field trips, the collection and analysis of data, or other ways.

Nominations are open until April 2nd! Learn more and make your nomination for the Founders' Award at <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/bird-fest/founders-award.html>.

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Bird Fest Keynote Address:
Think Like A Raven with
Dr. John Marzluff
 Saturday, May 20, 7:00 pm
 Wenatchee River Institute
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THINK LIKE A RAVEN is a culmination of Dr. Marzluff's collaborative work detailing the intertwined lives of ravens, wolves, pumas, and the people that visit and live around Yellowstone. This presentation follows the seasons of Yellowstone and the scientific journey he undertook to decode the mysteries of raven life. With colleagues, 60 birds were tagged with state-of-the-art transmitters. The birds shared their secrets as they flew a hundred miles directly to new kills, commandeered territory, found mates, and reared young. The picture that emerged from the study was that of a highly opportunistic bird with the knowledge that allowed them to exploit wolves but not depend on them. What emerges is a picture of the tenuous and evolving relationship between humans, wolves, and ravens, and the challenges animals face when they wander beyond the protection a national park provides.

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My proof reader, Mark Oswood, commented that this issue of the Phlox is “stuffed with information,” and I agree! It was a bit of a challenge to fit everything in, but worth the effort to include all of the information about Bird Fest, field trips, our conservation work, and the new shorebird survey.

Of particular interest to me, is the Bird Fest keynote address by Dr. Marzluff. In 2014, when I still lived in South Carolina, my sister Jackie sent me a picture of a banded Common Raven she took in June at the Diablo Lake Overlook on the North Cascades Highway. Because I am a bird bander, she thought I might be able to help her figure out who had banded the raven. I suggested she contact Coastal Raptors, and they directed her to Dr. Marzluff. She emailed him the photo, and within a couple of hours he confirmed the raven was one of his study birds affectionately know to locals as “Elvis.” It turns out, Elvis is a frequent visitor at the North Cascades Institute’s Environmental Learning Center where he has been known to unzip student’s backpacks and snack on the goodies inside.

I’m planning to attend Dr. Marzluff’s presentation on May 20 and hope to see you there!



Elvis the Common Raven
photo by Jacqueline S. Hovis, Winthrop

Pre-Festival Events Welcome New Birders

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest now includes a pre-festival initiative designed to be more inclusive and welcoming to people of all ages and from all walks of life. We want to lower barriers to people who have never tried “birding.” Pre-festival trips are mostly free, short in duration, offer loaner binoculars, and take place either early in the morning or in the evening. Trips are at locations close to town with free parking, require very little walking, and are easy to visit again. Several of the trips have Spanish/English bilingual guides.



photo courtesy of Wenatchee River Institute

The pre-festival events begin in our local public libraries. During the month of May, bird-themed activities and displays will be offered at the Leavenworth, Peshastin, Cashmere, and Wenatchee branches. And the Wenatchee Library will offer a bilingual bird story time on Saturday, May 20.

Pre-festival trips take place Monday-Friday, May 15-19. Pairs of NCWAS volunteer guides will lead early morning trips to Walla Walla Point Park-Horan and Number Two

Canyon in Wenatchee, and at Waterfront Park in Leavenworth. Evening trips are set for Walla Walla Point Park-Horan and Tower Road near Cashmere. Ohme Gardens is hosting an evening trip and ¡Team Naturaleza! is leading a bilingual walk in Horan. The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust is hosting an evening trip to Lower Sleepy Hollow Preserve in Wenatchee. Leavenworth Fish Hatchery staff are hosting a Junior Birder trip designed for very young children on Thursday morning. For full details on all pre-festival trips, visit the Bird Fest website at <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/education-programs/community-programs/bird-fest.html>.

Wenatchee Valley College is hosting two pre-festival events for the public. On Wednesday, May 17, the college invites the community to Wenatchee Hall, Third Floor for a Bird Collection Open House from 3:00-6:00 pm. Dr. Dan Stephens invites you to join him in viewing the bird skin collection he has built and curated over the past 30 years. The collection currently contains 460 specimens, including 160 species of birds—from American Coots to Western Screech-Owls. More than 200 community members, ornithologists, students, colleagues, and friends have contributed their time to collect, prepare, and maintain the bird skins. Through this cooperative effort, Dr. Dan has created a valuable collection that is available for scientific research and educational programs throughout the valley.

On Thursday, May 18, join Wenatchee Valley College instructors Derek Sheffield and Dan Stephens, and their learning community of students, for a Nature Writing field trip at the Leavenworth Ski Hill from 2:00-4:00 pm. Get inspired by the local flora and fauna and express your thoughts on paper through creative writing. Meet at the Ski Hill parking lot and don’t forget your paper and pencil!

Plan to invite your neighbors and friends to join you during the pre-festival this year!

Bird Fest Locals Social You Are Invited!

by Susan Ballinger, Wenatchee

The Bird Fest planning committee extends a warm welcome to everyone in our region's conservation community to come and enjoy the campus at Wenatchee River Institute on Saturday, May 20, from 3:30-5:00 pm for our newly launched "Locals Social." We will gather in person on the lovely grounds along the Wenatchee River, where White-headed Woodpeckers also hang out. Stop in to say hello to friends, old and new, who support our festival's vision to promote conservation through educational and recreational activities about birds, wildlife, and their environments. Bring your family and friends—all are welcome!

Here are ten good reasons to mark your calendar for the Locals Social on Saturday, May 20:

1. Get up-close and personal with a magnificent bird-of-prey. Meet Ellensburg falconer Clifford Kellogg and his Merlin, Kestrel, and Red-shouldered Hawk (3:30-4:00 pm).
2. Greet the Festival's 2023 keynote speaker—professor, biologist, and author John Marzloff. Meet the 2022 keynote speaker, professor, poet, and author Derek Sheffield. Leavenworth's A Book For All Seasons book store will sponsor a book display, sales table, and author signing.
3. Check out the Wingspan board game table to watch or join this popular game.
4. Enjoy a cash bar and free nibbles as you mingle with other local conservation-minded folks.
5. Reconnect with old friends and meet new ones! People who like birds are usually super nice.
6. View the winning bird photographs from the 2022 Audubon Photography Contest on display inside the River Haus.
7. Raise a glass to thank over 90 volunteers who helped with the festival. Our volunteers will enjoy a free drink and a round of applause for their essential work to make our festival fly.
8. Come early for Family Day activities (10:00 am-2:00 pm), stop by the open house at Derby Canyon Natives plant nursery (2:00-4:00 pm), or drop in for a free bird-themed walk at the Fish Hatchery. Full details for all Saturday events are on the website.
9. Stay for the tasty 6:00 pm BBQ dinner and John Marzloff's keynote talk!
10. Consider registering for a Bird Fest field trip, Thursday-Sunday. We have terrific offerings.

For more information on these and other activities, visit the Bird Fest website at <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/education-programs/community-programs/bird-fest.html>.

Visitors who participate in the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest have a high interest in seeing some of our region's specialty birds, including:

East-side Cascade Mountains forest and river birds, residents and migrants:

White-headed Woodpecker
Calliope Hummingbird
Western Tanager
Harlequin Duck
American Dipper
White-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch
Pileated Woodpecker

Colorful Neo-tropical migrants that arrive in spring to nest and raise young, before returning to Central and South America for winter:

Calliope Hummingbird
Rufous Hummingbird
Yellow-breasted Chat
Lazuli Bunting
Bullock's Oriole
Nashville Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler
Yellow Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler
Townsend's Warbler
Western Tanager
Cassin's Vireo

Charismatic birds, residents and migrants:

Bald Eagle
American Kestrel
Northern Pygmy-Owl
Common Loon
Wood Duck
Hooded Merganser

Returning birds of prey, migrants:

Osprey
Turkey Vulture

2022 National Audubon Photography Contest Display at Bird Fest

by Mark Oswood, Wenatchee

Visit the Sun Room in the River Haus (Bird Fest Headquarters) on Family Day, Saturday, May 20, to walk among the winning bird photographs from the 2022 Audubon Photography Contest. There are eleven 30 x 40-inch prints, each a gift for the visual cortex of your brain, that were selected from more than 10,000 entries. In addition to the photo exhibit, we'll have stocks of take-aways, including our *Common Birds of North Central Washington* poster and the Summer 2022 issue of Audubon magazine, which features the award-winning photos you'll see at the exhibit. We'll also have a book display and a kid's table with touchables.

Conservation Updates

compiled by Julie Hovis, Winthrop

Nason Ridge Community Forest, submitted by Tim and Mary Gallagher

A lot of exciting things are happening with the Nason Ridge Community Forest. Monthly eBird surveys by NCWAS volunteers continue to be conducted at seven sites that characterize the varied habitats of this once industrial forest land. Since November all surveys have been conducted by cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. Hearing a duet of American Dippers along a bend in Nason Creek during a February snowstorm was a delight, as was a small flock of Mallards flying fast up the creek being chased by a mature Bald Eagle. The results of these surveys will be used by Chelan County to make informed management decisions, prioritize areas best suited for improved habitat and wildlife conservation, and gauge the results of the work.

The Stewardship Committee continues to meet monthly with Chelan County and the National Park Service Rivers Trails and Conservation Assistance Program and has developed the following vision statement: *“Augment existing Community Forest and cross-boundary recreation opportunities with intentional recreation improvements that showcase healthy forest ecosystems and allow for a variety of experiences. The Community Forest provides accessible nature-based enjoyment and educational opportunity aimed at benefiting local Chelan County residents.”*

The Washington Conservation Science Institute is currently working to help identify high-value ecological areas within the Community Forest. These areas will be mapped to help inform the recreation planning and decision process. And the Wenatchee River Institute is assisting with the education and community benefit components of the Community Forest.

Upcoming forest projects include spring reforestation of previously clear-cut areas, invasive species management, and the second year of the Nason/Kahler Creek Habitat Improvement Project. The County is also looking into biochar feasibility for Community Forest treatments and carbon financing for reforestation efforts.

For Stewardship Committee meeting notes, future meeting dates, and more information go to: <https://www.co.chelan.wa.us/natural-resources/pages/nason-ridge-community-forest>.

There will be three birding field trips to the Community Forest in May. See page 6 for information on the May 5 and May 6 trips. For information on the third trip, which will be on May 18 during the Leavenworth Spring Bird Fest, visit <https://wenatcheeriverinstitute.org/education-programs/community-programs/bird-fest.html>.

If you have questions, please contact our Nason Ridge Community Forest lead, Bill Deters at wedeters@nwi.net or Mary Gallagher at marywillardgallagher@live.com.

Rock Island Ponds, submitted by Mark Johnston

For several years NCWAS has sought to bring attention to the wide variety of birds using the ponds near the City of Rock Island. The ponds vary in size, depth, and underwater topography, and together provide valuable habitats for birds and other wildlife.

The ponds are not naturally occurring. They were created primarily as a result of gravel mining and/or increased Rock Island Dam Pool water levels. Their habitat conditions vary greatly, and numerous bird and other wildlife species use them seasonally or as permanent residents. However, although they are now home to a wide variety of wildlife, we suspect some suffer from less-than-ideal environmental conditions which we believe should be scientifically assessed and, if confirmed, remedied.

As part of an agreement with the Chelan County Public Utility District (PUD), NCWAS conducted a two-year survey to document bird species currently using the ponds. The survey protocol identified six stationary points and two transects adjacent to several ponds that are representative of the mix of habitats the ponds as a whole support. Monthly bird counts were conducted beginning in November 2020 and ending in October 2022. All species encountered by sight and/or sound were tallied.

Overall, the survey found a total of 118 bird species occurring on or near the ponds, including 24 waterfowl, 11 raptor, 7 warbler, 6 swallow, and 10 sparrow species. Of particular note, the very large numbers of Wood Ducks and Hooded Mergansers found indicate the ponds are a wintering site of regional significance for these species.

With the survey now complete, we've distributed a final report to the City of Rock Island and the Chelan County PUD. Its value lies in the fact that it documents our previously more general assertion that the ponds represent an important resource that should be protected and enhanced over time for the benefit of birds and other wildlife, the local economy, and regional recreation.

We continue to engage with the PUD and the City of Rock Island in support of our vision for the future of the ponds. To read our Vision Paper and Bird Survey Final Report, visit the Conservation page on our website at <https://ncwaudubon.org/conservation/rock-island-ponds/>.

Upcoming Field Trips

compiled by Julie Hovis, Winthrop

Nason Ridge Community Forest

Join Mary and Tim Gallagher for spring birding in Chelan County's Nason Ridge Community Forest. During the field trips listed below, we will be conducting eBird survey counts at sites recently determined by a NCWAS team to be most representative of the varied habitats of this forest. This is a work in progress. We are hoping to expand our eBird survey volunteer numbers. Please join us and see if YOU would like to get involved with this "new" Community Forest bird survey effort. The goal of our year-round, monthly surveys is to determine baseline bird data and on-going changes in bird use within identified areas of the Community Forest. This information will help Chelan County in making resource management decisions and assist with the determination of future efforts based on past results. (See page 5 for more information about the Nason Ridge Community Forest.)

Trip #1, May 5: Upper Nason Ridge Community Forest, 7:00-11:00 am (or later if the birding is exceptional). Hike on USFS Nason Ridge Trail #1583 to the top of the Nason Ridge Community Forest survey point. We will bird along the way, see a 400+/- year-old ponderosa pine (Big Red), learn how Nason Ridge became a Community Forest, and see fantastic views (weather permitting) of Lake Wenatchee, Fish Lake, Dirty Face, Mount David, Poet's Ridge, and Glacier Peak. Mileage round trip is approximately five miles with a steep 1,000-foot elevation gain on a dirt trail. We recommend at least one hiking pole. You will need a Northwest Forest Pass to park at the trailhead. Please bring binoculars, snacks, plenty of water, and dress for spring weather. This trip is limited to eight participants. To reserve your space, email trip leader Mary Gallagher at marywillardgallagher@live.com or call or text 206-650-7511 by May 1, 2023.

Trip #2, May 6: Lower Nason Ridge Community Forest, 8:00 am-1:00 pm (or later if the birding is exceptional). Hike from the western side of the Nason Ridge Community Forest to the eastern side at Kahler Glen. The hike parallels Nason Creek and includes stops at six of the seven monthly survey sites. Learn how Nason Ridge became a Community Forest as we hike through a mosaic of well-managed forest land and industrial logging that is now entrusted to Chelan County to care for into the future. Mileage is approximately five miles on a dirt road with minimal elevation gain, though there are a few steep areas. We will meet at the Nason Creek Rest Area on Highway 2. From there we will carpool to start hiking at the Butcher Creek side of the property. We will walk in one direction and end at the Gallagher's home in Kahler Glen. We will drive participants back to their cars. Please bring binoculars, your own lunch, snacks, plenty of water, and dress for spring weather. This trip is limited to eight participants. To reserve your space, email trip leader Mary Gallagher at marywillardgallagher@live.com or call or text 206-650-7511 by May 1, 2023.

Unable to make these field trip dates? If you would like to join the Gallagher's on future monthly surveys or become a monthly survey volunteer, please contact Mary at the email address or phone number listed above. Thanks!

May 4: Twisp Ponds and Deadhorse Lake

Join leaders Dj Jones and Jane Ramberg for a morning of birding at the Twisp Ponds and Deadhorse Lake. Many birds should be arriving from the south with a nice variety of songbirds and waterfowl to be seen. Please wear good walking shoes and expect to walk two to four miles over gently rolling trails and dirt roads. Bring binoculars, water, and snacks as needed. Meet at 8:00 am at the Methow Valley Community Center parking lot in Twisp and expect to be out for roughly four hours. The trip is limited to ten participants. Please email Dj Jones at djtrillium@mac.com to register.

May 30: Beaver Pond at Sun Mountain, Winthrop

Come birding with leaders Dj Jones and Jane Ramberg for a morning walk around the beaver pond at Sun Mountain. A nice variety of birds should be present on the pond and in the surrounding riparian habitat. Wear good walking shoes and expect to walk a gentle trail approximately two to three miles around the pond. Bring binoculars, water, and snacks. Meet at 8:00 am at the Chickadee parking lot off of Patterson Lake Road and expect to be out for two to three hours. The trip is limited to ten participants. Please email Dj Jones at djtrillium@mac.com to register.

June 8: Nespelem to Goose Lake and Beyond

By early June, all the spring breeding birds should be present in our region. In a reprise of last year's highly successful trip, we will spend a full day birding between the Nespelem River and Goose Lake, with the likelihood of continuing on to the Aeneas Valley. We'll have an excellent chance to see several species that are uncommon in our area, such as American Redstart and Northern Waterthrush. Dress for the weather and bring lunch, snacks, water, etc. There will be only limited walking along unpaved roadways. We will meet at 6:00 am at the Sweet River Bakery in Pateros (203 Lakeshore Drive) and expect to return by 5:00 pm. This trip is limited to ten birders. To reserve your space, email trip co-leaders Art Campbell at rapakivi@methow.com or Dj Jones at djtrillium@mac.com.

No Four-county Count This Year!

Due to scheduling difficulties and limited interest, NCWAS will not be holding the four-county count in 2023. Over the coming year, we will assess the count's long-term viability. Thanks to all of you who participated in past four-county counts.

Field Trip Reports

compiled by Julie Hovis, Winthrop

Winter Birds In and Around Wenatchee, reported by Virginia Palumbo

I enjoyed getting to be one of eleven participants on a Wenatchee Winter birding trip on February 25, co-led by Mark Johnston and Richard Scranton. We started the half-day outing at a brisk, sunny 18 degrees Fahrenheit at Lincoln Rock State Park where we saw three grebe species (Horned, Pied-bill, and Western) and six Common Loons. There was also a small flock of Ruddy Ducks on the water, and a Varied Thrush and Spotted Towhee in the wooded section. Raptors included a Cooper's Hawk seen on the way to the park, a Red-tailed Hawk, and a Bald Eagle. The eagle was interesting in that it may have been a partially leucistic immature (it had extensive white on its back, back of the wings, and chest but a dark head and grayish bill). Our second stop was in East Wenatchee at Porter's Pond. Unfortunately, the backwater between the shore and outer islands was largely frozen, thus the only waterfowl was really on the far side of the Columbia—mostly Lesser Scaups, Mallards, and Buffleheads. We did spot a Great Blue Heron on our side, and then later got good views of an American Kestrel, two Downy Woodpeckers, and an over-wintering Anna's Hummingbird. Walla Walla Point Park gave us perhaps our most exciting bird of the day, a beautiful Eurasian Wigeon in the midst of 500 (or so!) American Wigeons. The bay and lagoon at Walla Walla were frozen, again limiting the waterfowl seen there. Further on in the Horan Natural Area, we heard a Ring-necked Pheasant and Bewick's Wren. We ended up seeing 34 species for the day, not bad considering all of the ice. As is usual on Mark and Richard's trips, we learned a lot from their pointing out details of field marks and behaviors. All in all, it was a lovely day to be out birding in the sunshine with friends!

East Wenatchee Porter's Pond, reported by Joe Veverka

We had fourteen birders meet at the 19th Street Trailhead at 8:00 am on Saturday, March 4, for two hours of birding at the Porter's Pond in East Wenatchee. The weather was overcast, cool, and calm. We immediately located a very enthusiastic male Anna's Hummingbird perched on a bare twig as we crossed the Apple Capitol Loop Trail (ACLT) on our way to the banks of the Columbia River. We briefly glimpsed a Belted Kingfisher rattling along the shoreline. A highlight for many of us was watching a beautiful Northern Pintail through our scopes. We had nice looks at a few Barrow's Goldeneyes and Buffleheads as we moved north along the river. These active divers can be a challenge to keep in the scope. Another challenge was trying to locate and see Downy Woodpeckers and American Goldfinches high up in trees. Wait 'til the trees leaf out! Heading south down the ACLT a few folks spotted a Townsend's Solitaire near a berry-laden juniper tree. We also found a small flock of White-crowned Sparrows, most of which were first-winter birds with brown streaks on their heads rather than the bold black and white. Over two hours of birding we identified 30 bird species including 11 species of waterbirds, 1 raptor, and 18 songbird species. Our somewhat quiet morning allowed us to bird slowly, which can be nice especially for a larger group. I'd like to thank everyone who came out, it was a great time!

The Intermountain West Shorebird Survey Needs Volunteers

by Richard Scranton, Wenatchee

There is a new community science opportunity in Eastern Washington this spring surveying shorebirds. The Intermountain West Shorebird Survey and is a cooperative partnership that includes National Audubon, Point Blue Conservation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, state wildlife agencies, Audubon chapters, and other non-profit organizations. Migratory shorebirds can tell us about the health of an individual ecosystem and the broader wetland networks upon which they rely. The last shorebird survey of the region occurred in 1989-1995. This program is replicating that census so we can better manage shorebirds today and into the future.

How can you help? Volunteers are needed this April! Sign up as a lead observer for counting shorebirds or as support for a lead observer. Any contribution helps ensure that shorebirds count! The ideal shorebird surveyor has a passion for birds and the outdoors, can commit to one survey day in the spring and one survey day in the fall, and can identify shorebirds in breeding and non-breeding plumage. (Mileage reimbursements are available.)

Save these dates!

April 10, 2023: Shorebird Site Reconnaissance Webinar

April 17, 2023: Survey Protocol and Training Webinar

April 24-April 30, 2023: Spring 2023 Peak Shorebird Survey Window—get out and count shorebirds!

Ready to get involved? Connect with the link below:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf7kETfhSzxkna-zkY4ID0wgijqNqL3A3IEUoaLKT1PFzqVamg/viewform>



Red-necked Phalarope
photo by Janet Bauer, Winthrop

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| Apr 6 | Hummingbird Presentation | Wenatchee Valley Museum and Cultural Center See our website for details |
| Apr 12, May 10 | Beginner Bird Walks Wenatchee River Institute | www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org |
| Apr 12, Apr 13 | Marina Richie Red Barn Event and Nature Writing Workshop | www.wenatcheeriverinstitute.org |
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