



Wenatchee Naturalist Website receives 2016 ANROSP Outstanding Volunteer Project Award

SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO (September 23, 2016) – The Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs (ANROSP) concluded its national conference with an awards ceremony held at the Randall Davey Audubon Center and Sanctuary.

The [Wenatchee Naturalist Website](http://www.wenatcheenaturalist.com/) received the 2016 ANROSP Award for Outstanding Volunteer Project. This award recognizes innovative and exceptional volunteer projects conducted by or for ANROSP member organizations.

Volunteer Wenatchee Naturalist, Leslie Bigos, designed and built a modern, device-friendly, WORD PRESS *Wenatchee Naturalist* website that is open to all and contains resources of wide interest to North Central Washington state individuals, conservation organizations, and to 150 local Wenatchee Naturalists:

<http://www.wenatcheenaturalist.com/>. Volunteer Wenatchee Naturalist photographers Leslie Bigos, Dave Hillstad, and Lisa Robinson provided images of landscapes, plants, and animals for free use on the website in course materials, including the “Learn 10 Game” set of 100 common plants and animals. Leslie Bigos also created and donated a Quizlet game that allows students to practice and learn to name 100 common species.

Jason O’Brien of the Oregon Master Naturalist Program accepted the award on behalf of the Wenatchee Naturalist Program, Wenatchee Valley College.

Amy Rager, ANROSP President and Minnesota Master Naturalist Program Director, said "ANROSP provides member programs an opportunity to share their best work in the areas of Outstanding Educational Materials, Outstanding Volunteer Project, Outstanding Team, Outstanding Program Evaluation and Program of the Year. Each year ANROSP is proud to highlight programs from across the United States in each of these categories." Award applications are peer reviewed and selection is made by the ANROSP Awards Committee, chaired by the ANROSP Vice President.

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