



NATIVE PLANT STEWARDSHIP COURSE SPRING 2017

Conserving and Restoring Shrub-steppe Habitats

Participate in a Native Plant Stewardship course focused on shrub-steppe habitats in Chelan and Douglas counties.

This no-cost program combines classroom learning with field trips, giving participants an opportunity to better understand the importance of native plants in grasslands and shrublands in and around the Wenatchee Valley and how to use this knowledge to protect and restore these habitats.



When: Classes will meet on Thursday, April 20 and Thursday May 4 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., at the Chelan-Douglas Land Trust offices, 18 North Wenatchee Ave., in Wenatchee, and on Tuesday April 25 and Thursday April 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm at a location to be determined in Wenatchee. An all-day field trip on Saturday, April 22 will explore examples of shrub-steppe habitats around Wenatchee.

What: The course will provide 15 hours of direct training in shrub-steppe ecology, identification of native and invasive plants, restoration skills, and other conservation actions, supplemented by selected readings and videos for study at home. In return, participants must provide 15 hours of service to local conservation and restoration projects within 18 months of course completion.

The Chelan-Douglas Land Trust, Chelan County Noxious Weed Control Board, and other local organizations will be partners in this training and have projects that need stewards' help.

Anyone can apply! Participants must be members of WNPS. It's easy to join! Visit <http://www.wnps.org/join.html>.



This program is part of the **WNPS Native Plant Stewardship Program**. Participants who complete the training will earn credit towards recognition as a WNPS Native Plant Steward.

Applications are now being accepted. For more information or to request an application, contact Jim Evans, State Stewardship Program Manager, Washington Native Plant Society, at 206-678-8914 or jimevans@centurytel.net

The Native Plant Stewardship Program is a program of the Washington Native Plant Society, a nonprofit organization in Washington. For more information about WNPS, visit www.wnps.org.