

# ENVIR 280

## Natural History of the Puget Sound Region



**Autumn 2022**

**TTh 8:30-10:20am**

Field trips:  
TBA

5 cr  
No prereqs  
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*Biological Systems*  
*Earth Systems Literacy*

Instructor:  
Tim Billo, PhD

In this course we study natural landscapes and habitats found in western Washington and the east slope of the Cascades. Our learning is based primarily in field observation within walking distance of campus, but also includes classroom sessions which impart natural history as a body of knowledge stemming from both scientific research and Coast Salish tradition.

Students will:

- Study climate, geomorphology, and vegetation zones in an integrated way, that includes attention to the past, present, and future.
- Learn to identify key plant and animal species in major habitat types, as well as the ecological properties and behaviors of those species.
- Hone nature observation and documentation skills through weekly field journaling.
- Explore the human relationship to nature from different cultural perspectives.

Two required weekend field trips to iconic natural areas throughout the region.

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