

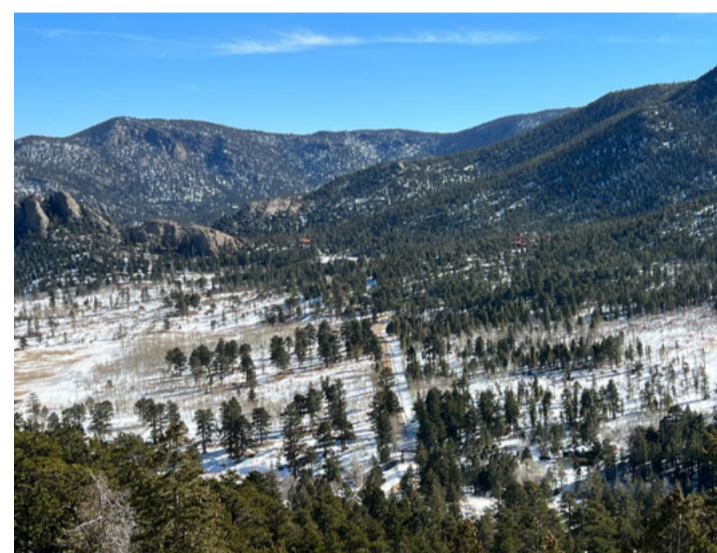
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**News from BOULDER COUNTY
NATURE ASSOCIATION***Our mission: To conserve resilient natural
ecosystems in our region through
science, education, and advocacy***A Hunt for Dragons and Damsels**

Dragonflies and Damselflies are dainty, but deadly, as they dart over ponds, rivers and meadows on the hunt for prey. Join Leslie Larson and Ann Cooper for this field class to hunt for Dragons and Damsels in our area. We will search for flashy insects like Calico Pennants, Wandering Gliders, and Vivid Dancers, to name a few of the 76 known species in Boulder County. We will learn about their nymph life as fierce aquatic predators, tips on identification, and photographing these beautiful creatures. Both Leslie and Ann take beautiful photos of dragonflies and damselflies and will offer photography tips for digitally capturing these jumpy fliers.

[More class details](#)**Field Class: Saturday, July 16, 10:00 am – 12 noon. Longmont area****Tuition: \$35. Limited to 12 participants. Participants will receive a copy of the field guide *Dragonflies of the Colorado Front Range* by Ann Cooper, published by BCNA.**[Register on Eventbrite](#)**Herping in Boulder County
Looking for Reptiles and Amphibians**

Did you know that there are 29 species of snake in Colorado, and 10 in Boulder County alone? These fascinating critters are often maligned and overlooked, yet we are quickly learning that they play invaluable roles in our ecosystem! Whether you are a seasoned "herper" or just want to learn about a frequently overlooked part of our ecosystem, you are invited to join Tony Sigliano for this half day field class where we'll view snakes and other reptiles – from a distance! You're guaranteed to learn something new!

[More class details](#)**Field Class: Saturday, July 30, 8:00am – 11:00am. Rabbit Mountain Open Space.****Tuition: \$10. Limited to 12 participants.**[Register on Eventbrite](#)**Forest Forensics Field Trip**

On this forest forensics field trip, we will talk about how ecologists and foresters use on-the-ground observations and historical data to understand what a "healthy forest" should look like in a given location. Participants will walk away with more knowledge of how to get a glance into the past and desired future conditions of the forest through observations. This includes observations of old tree stumps, productivity gradients (soil moisture gradients and associated plant productivity), and topography. We hope you'll join us to get one step closer to being a "forest detective"!

[More class details](#)**Field Class: Saturday, August 27, 9 am – noon**

Tuition: \$30. Limited to 14 participants

Registration: [Opens July 16th on Eventbrite](#)

We are mindful that Covid is still with us. Participants must follow CDC and State of Colorado and Boulder County Public Health guidelines on the COVID-19 pandemic. Classes will be either outside or online. BCNA will not arrange carpools. Also, participants must follow any individual field trip leader requirements, such as fully vaccinated status to register and/or wearing masks when in close proximity.

We also ask that you not attend a class if you are sick or test positive for Covid. We will refund your payment in this case. Since we generally have a waiting list for each class, we would appreciate it if you would let us know as soon as possible by going to the registration page for that class on Eventbrite and canceling your reservation so someone else can attend in your place.

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A big thank you to all who currently support BCNA! Without your assistance, we would not be able to accomplish all that we do for our community and for the natural world around us. Memberships for the calendar year renew in November and December, but you can renew for next year any time.

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