

# WISCONSIN Master Naturalist



## 2013-2017 IN REVIEW

### Volunteer Hours Reported

**14,830** stewardship

**12,945** citizen science

**+ 27,118** education

**54,893** Total volunteer hours

for value\* of **\$1.2 million**

**8** Instructor trainings

**115** Instructors

**51** Partner organizations

**44** Volunteer training courses completed

**163,998** People reached through volunteer-led programs

**663** Master Naturalist volunteers residing in

**63** of Wisconsin's 72 counties

**12,677** hours of advanced training for Master Naturalist Volunteers

\*The dollar value of service hours is calculated by using figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics data, indexed by the Independent Sector.

# Annual Summary 2017

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist Program is a growing network of well-informed citizens dedicated to natural resources education and service within their communities. Volunteers perform at least 40 hours of volunteer service each year and receive 8 additional hours of training annually to maintain certification. The volunteer training course provides coursework in natural history, interpretation and conservation stewardship in both the classroom and field settings delivered by partner organizations throughout the state.

*"This course covered so much information on Wisconsin ecology. I think it's the best thing I've done in years."*

- 2017 Master Naturalist Volunteer

*"The course was exceptionally well organized, the instructors were experts in their field and each topic was engaging on its own along with painting a complete picture of an ecosystem."*

- 2017 Master Naturalist Volunteer



## IN 2017

### MASTER NATURALIST VOLUNTEERS RECORDED:

**20,345 hours** of volunteer service

**\$443,114** of value to the state of Wisconsin

**60%** of those reporting service hours gave more than the required **40 hours** per year

**22%** reported more than **100 hours** of service in 2017

**149** new volunteers

**54,240** people reached through volunteer-led programs

### OF 2017 COURSE PARTICIPANTS (140 RESPONSES):

**93%** say the course provided a **broad overview** of the state's **natural resources** and the **processes** that affect them

The percentage of people who feel they have the knowledge to **volunteer** related to natural resources **increased from 54% to 91%** after taking the course

**98%** say their knowledge about Wisconsin's **natural resources increased** after taking the course

**19** scholarships

**10** volunteer trainings



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