



# 2021 ANNUAL SUMMARY

## 2013-2021 IN REVIEW

### VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED

**51,408** Stewardship  
**49,522** Citizen Science  
**77,443** Education

**178,373**

TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

for a value\* of

**\$5.09 million**

**13** Instructor trainings  
**162** Instructors  
**58** Partner organizations  
**79** Volunteer trainings

**626,435**

PEOPLE REACHED THROUGH  
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING  
SUPPORTED BY  
MASTER NATURALISTS

**1,115** Trained Master  
Naturalists residing in  
**64** of Wisconsin's  
72 counties

**31,920**

HOURS OF ADVANCED TRAINING  
FOR MASTER NATURALISTS

The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program supports a network of well-informed volunteers and instructors dedicated to conservation service, leadership and lifelong learning. Partner organizations across the state deliver expert-led trainings out in nature and in the classroom where Master Naturalists are equipped to address environmental challenges facing the state.

### 2021 HIGHLIGHTS

<b>31,872</b> hours of volunteer service	<b>5,206</b> advanced training hours received
<b>471</b> Master Naturalists provided volunteer service	<b>68 of 72</b> Wisconsin counties received Master Naturalist service
<b>421</b> met certification requirements	<b>142</b> Master Naturalists trained
<b>45%</b> reported more than <b>40 hours</b> of service in 2021	<b>10</b> Master Naturalist Trainings
<b>19%</b> reported more than <b>100 hours</b> of service in 2021	<b>\$909,627</b> value of volunteer service to the state of Wisconsin

**100%** of participants agreed that the training increased their knowledge of Wisconsin's natural world, and **78%** felt their knowledge increased substantially.

**91%** of participants now feel confident they could find a volunteer opportunity related to nature, compared to just **47%** before the training.

**90%** of participants agreed that outdoor activities improved their health and well-being during the pandemic, of which **61%** felt they significantly improved.

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A combination of lectures, field trips, hands-on activities and guest speakers kept us highly energized and engaged. Getting to know the people in the class was also a highlight. I looked forward to every day of the training!  
- Master Naturalist, 2021

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Amazing experience! I enjoyed how learning was reinforced through exploration and real-life observations. Knowledgeable, enthusiastic presenters helped keep me engaged and excited about learning... Thank you for providing this opportunity.  
- Master Naturalist, 2021

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Being able to go for walks and reconnect with nature to find a calming presence has been extremely important over the last year. Seeing, through nature, animals and plants continuing “normal” life is inspiring. Even through immense hardships, things are able to find a way to overcome and grow. Being outside with fresh air, green grass, and colorful flora and fauna can be the quickest boost to a better day for anyone.  
- Master Naturalist, 2021

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