The Wisconsin Master Naturalist program supports a network of well-informed volunteers and instructors dedicated to conservation service, leadership, and lifelong learning.

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### 2013-2024 IN REVIEW

#### **VOLUNTEER HOURS REPORTED**

118,012 Stewardship 97,856 Citizen Science

363,927
TOTAL VOLUNTEER HOURS
for a value\* of
\$12.19 million

**148,059** Education

17 Instructor Trainings

231 Instructors

**66** Partner organizations

**125** Master Naturalist Trainings

## **2 MILLION PEOPLE**

Reached through educational activities involving Master Naturalists

1,930

**Trained Master Naturalists** 

## 61,587

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Hours of advanced training taken by Master Naturalists

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

The new Training Guide has earned a national award for outstanding educational materials. A huge thank you to the more than 60 individuals who contributed to this exceptional resource.



#### **RECORD HIGHS IN 2024**

236 Master Naturalists trained at 14 sites across the state

**525,407** people reached through educational activities involving Master Naturalists

**HOT OFF THE PRESS!** 

**873** Master Naturalists reported **74,514** hours of volunteer service

**25%** provided more than 100 hours of volunteer service

Master Naturalists volunteered with 5 Tribal Nations

#### **2024 SUMMIT HIGHLIGHTS**



# Mąąną Pįį Hirakara -Caring for Grandmother Earth



The 2024 Wisconsin Summit for Natural Resources volunteers, co-hosted with the Hoocąk (Ho-Chunk) Nation, drew **205** attendees to Wisconsin Dells/Baraboo for three days focused on our natural world and the role we play in caring for it. The event offered nearly **40** field events, workshops, presentations, talking circles, a volunteer fair, and service projects with 3 local partners. The Summit provided insight to **Indigenous knowledge and culture**, from the keynote address on *The Rights of Nature* by Samantha Skenandore, a federal Indian law and tribal law attorney and enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, to the Native Artisan Vendor Fair showcasing the artwork and crafts of local artisans.

#### **BAT & BUMBLE BEE BRIGADE AMBASSADORS**

Our partnership with the Wisconsin DNR led to 64 new Ambassadors trained to share their knowledge & enthusiasm about our bats and bees.

