

Comments from those who have completed this program:

"Just wanted to say thank you so much for organizing the NPM classes. I very much enjoyed both sessions, but found the alpine plants to be a special treat. Wow! Hope to be able to do more classes in future. Also feel that Mary is a great teacher; very knowledgeable & enthusiastic. Will try to get more people interested in taking these classes.

Thanks again."

--Connie Pearsall

"I really enjoy taking photographs of wildflowers. I decided to take the Native Plant Master classes to learn about the pretty flowers I see while out on photography walks. Now instead of taking a picture of a "pretty fuzzy purple flower", I know that I am photographing a sugarbowl or *Coriflora scottii* and I know about its botany, habitat and ecological relationship. It makes my hikes more interesting."

—Orla O'Callaghan



Immature female cone of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, at the Aspen Valley Ranch, Woodland Park

Knowing native plants and teaching others about them helps to preserve a natural heritage that has been here since before we settled this area. There is a great deal of nutritional, medical and tool-making value in indigenous plants that the native peoples knew about, and that should be preserved for the future, and taught to our children.

—Marge Vorndam

Why become a Native Plant Master?

- You'll learn how to expertly design your home landscape with native plants: save water and avoid pollution from fertilizers and other chemicals.
- You'll learn about local native plants in the field, and discover plant relationships with animals that pollinate, consume, and nest in them.
- You'll learn more about native plants than you ever thought possible. You'll learn how they grow, how to identify them, and why the natural world could not exist without them.



Bears feed on the berries of *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* at the Aspen Valley Ranch.

Dates, Times and Locations:

Thursday, June 8, intro to Botany Class
8 - 12:30 at St. David's Church, 36 Edlowe Rd,
Woodland Park

Course 1:

June 9, 16, 23 at Manitou Lake

Course 2:

August 4, 11, 18 at the Florissant Fossil Beds

How do you apply?

Send an email to mark.platten@colostate.edu or contact him at 719-686-7961 for application materials.

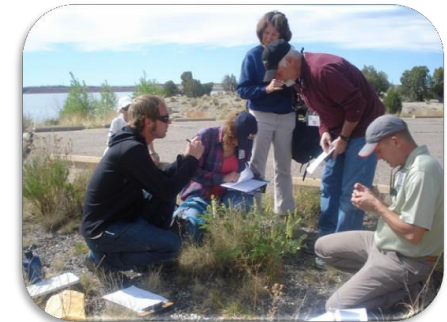
What course options are available?

Applicants for the Native Plant Master Program must be at least 16 years old. Applicants may:

- Take a single course of 3 classes
- Take 3 courses or more toward becoming a Certified Native Plant Master.
 - Can be taken over several years

Fee: \$40 per course* for volunteers or \$70 for a non-volunteer participant.

**This discounted rate applies if you agree to volunteer to teach 10 people about Colorado plants per course, per year—referred to as public contacts.*



Native Plant Master participants examine *Astragalus* flowers at Lake Pueblo State Park

The CSU Extension Native Plant

Master Program lets you take classes in any order and at your own pace. Teachers can use these courses toward recertification without college credit.

What types of opportunities are there for you to share your native plant knowledge?

- Conservation and habitat restoration projects with the local conservation district or other agencies.
- Community and demonstration gardens (design and plant selection)
- Teaching others (summer camps, natural science for youth, writing articles, leading field trips, assist or teach an NPM course)
- Locating and reporting noxious weeds
- Become a citizen scientist and monitor rare and endangered plant communities that are fighting for survival
- Increase the number of native plants in your personal, water-wise landscape



Mission of the Native Plant Master (NPM) Program

The mission of the NPM Program is to educate the public about native plants in order to foster stewardship, sustainable landscaping, and management of weeds that threaten native ecosystems.

NOTE: Field courses may require strenuous walking for extended periods on steep inclines for two or more miles on wet, rough, and/or slippery footing during windy, cold, hot, rainy or snowy days. Courses include risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to natural areas.

The Native Plant Master Program is a fun way to spend time in the field this summer, getting to know the plants of the central mountains of Colorado.



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Lilium philadelphicum, Wood lily,
Gold Camp Road, El Paso County



Pulsatilla ludoviciana, Pasque
flower, Aspen Valley Ranch,
Woodland Park, CO



Padus virginiana, Chokecherry
Woodland Park library