



*“The place to
study nature is at
one’s own home –
on the farm,
in the mountains,
by the sea –
wherever that
may be.”*

John Burroughs



*...providing education, outreach and service
dedicated to the beneficial management of
our natural resources and natural areas.*

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A NATIONAL MASTER NATURALIST
PROGRAM INITIATIVE



Taking It Home

IMPROVING AND
CREATING VOLUNTEER
EDUCATION PROGRAMS
IN NATURAL RESOURCE
CONSERVATION

The natural world is home to all of us, no matter where we live – from the wilds of rural areas to the squirrels in a city park to a

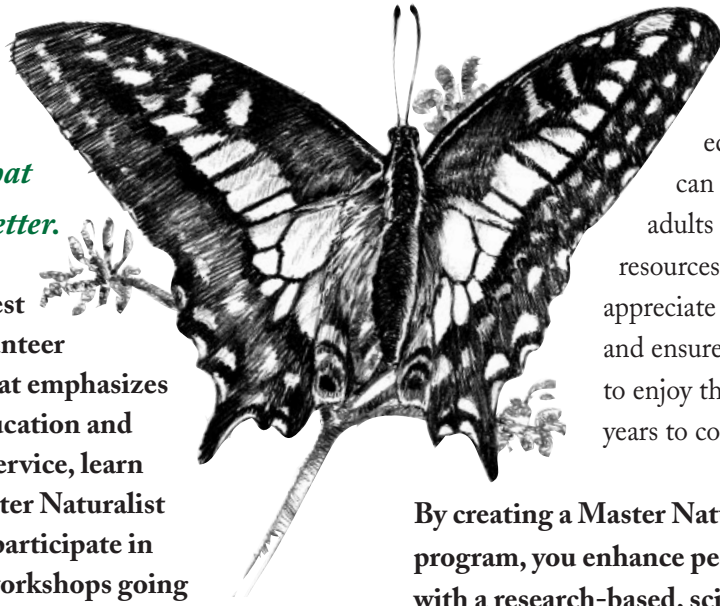
wildflower in our backyard. And yet, *we can only give greater value to that which we know better.*

If you have an interest in developing a volunteer training program that emphasizes natural resource education and community-based service, learn more about the Master Naturalist program and come participate in Master Naturalist workshops going on nation wide!

As our populations grow more urban, it is harder for people to make the connection to nature that ultimately allows them to value their local natural resources and thus have a reason to manage and conserve it for future generations.

State, federal and local organizations are in a unique position to shape the future of natural resource conservation and education by helping people make a special connection to nature.

Reaching out to new, non-traditional, diverse constituencies and forging new partnerships is the key to facing the challenge of conserving natural resources for years to come. The Master Naturalist volunteer training program can help you do that.



Through a Master Naturalist volunteer education program, you can teach children and adults about their local natural resources, inspire them to appreciate their environment and ensure that others will be able to enjoy the natural world for years to come.

By creating a Master Naturalist certification program, you enhance people's love of nature with a research-based, scientific training program coupled with community-based volunteer service. Master Naturalist volunteers receive in-depth training in wildlife and natural resource management taught by recognized experts in the field and customized to focus on the native ecosystems of your home. They also receive advanced training in special subjects that interest them. In return, Master Naturalist volunteers provide your community with volunteer service in the form of educational activities, projects or demonstrations, and forge local partnerships that are important for the future.

“What we're all really seeking... is an experience where we can feel the rapture of being alive.”

Help make that experience be a connection to nature, and you will help give natural resource conservation higher value in your community.

Find out more about the Master Naturalist program.



Master Naturalist volunteers (L to R) Gloria Villaverde, her son Ed Villaverde, Chuck Kooshian and Maria Trunk spread mulch around the Rio Bosque Wetlands restoration project and interpretive trail.