

COST

Core Courses

- \$65 Members (Wild Ones, Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center, Tennessee Native Plant Society)
- \$75 Non-Members

Electives

- \$40 Members
- \$50 Non-Members
- Some classes may have an additional materials fee.

REGISTER ONLINE

Register online at: www.TNValleyWildOnes.org/CNP

All classes have limited capacity. Payment is required to secure a spot. Registration is on a first-paid basis.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Refund available for cancellation up to 7 days before the class, less a \$10 administrative fee. Refunds are not transferrable to other classes.

CONTACT US

For questions, please contact us at tnvalleycnp@gmail.com

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE

www.TNValley.WildOnes.org/CNP

The Certificate in Native Plants program represents a partnership between three native plant education and conservation non-profit organizations: Wild Ones Tennessee Valley Chapter, Tennessee Native Plant Society, and Reflection Riding Arboretum and Nature Center. Members of these organizations will receive discounts on class fees, but participation in the CNP is not limited to these organizations' members.



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Certificate in Native Plants

Presented by
Wild Ones,
Tennessee
Valley Chapter

in partnership with

Reflection Riding
Arboretum &
Nature Center

and

Tennessee
Native Plant
Society



The Certificate in Native Plants program is designed to expand students' knowledge of botany, ecology, conservation, and uses of native flora in the southeastern United States. Students will get both classroom education and hands-on application to increase knowledge and skills that can be applied at home, in the community, and at work. The course setting will provide a common ground for native plant enthusiasts to meet and connect with others who share their interests. The program is designed to benefit both home gardeners and landscaping professionals.

PROGRAM GOALS

- Foster greater understanding and appreciation of the importance of native plant communities;
- Appeal to beginners, as well as landscape professionals;
- Improve plant identification skills, including recognition of exotic pest plants;
- Provide an opportunity to meet and connect with other conservation-minded individuals

PROGRAM STRUCTURE

The CNP offers a blend of classroom instruction, hands-on learning and guided hikes. Educational objectives include:

- Involve the students by recommending preparation work and list of supplies needed before class, interaction during class, and recommended assignment after the course.
- The bigger function of native plants including eco connections is included in each course.
- Each course will include an active hands-on component involving the senses to get the “wow” factor combined with classroom instruction.
- Each course will give practical application of the knowledge taught.
- Teach the Why (purpose).

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION

- Four core courses (24 credits)
- Eight different electives (32 credits)
- 40 hours of volunteering for approved native plant projects or organizations (submitted on the Volunteer Service Time Sheet)

There is no formal program enrollment process. Students should be able to complete the program in 3 years, but there is no requirement to do so. Classes may be taken in any order.

CURRICULUM

Core Courses (6 credits each):

- Botany I
- Botany II
(Formerly Form & Function in the Plant World: Parts I and II)
- Native Plant Communities
- Soils and Water

Elective Courses (4 credits each) may include:

- Ferns, Mosses & Liverworts
- Native Plant Propagation
- Native Edible and Medicinal Plants
- Spring & Summer Wildflowers
- Bird & Butterfly Gardens
- Nature Sketching and Journaling
- Pollinators
- Native Warm Season Grasses
- Tree Identification
- Ecology of Wetlands
- Invasive Plant Management
- Understanding Botanical Names
- Sustainable Landscaping Practices
- Identifying Plants with Taxonomy

