

## 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 the identification of exotic pest plants;
- ✓ Provide an opportunity to meet and connect with other conservation - minded individuals

## Program Structure

- Combines **classroom instruction, hands-on learning**, and **guided hikes**
- Engage students by recommending:
  - **preparation** tasks and supply lists
  - active **participation** during class
  - assignments / **resources** after the course
- Teaches the important **ecological and functional roles** that native plants play as the building blocks of biodiversity
- Delivers **real-world applications** for all lessons
- Focuses on the **purpose behind the practice**

## About Wild Ones

**Mission:** Wild Ones promotes native landscapes through education, advocacy and collaborative action.

**Vision:** Native plants and natural landscapes thriving in every community.

**Why We Exist:**

**A healthy planet starts with native plants.**

Dwindling biodiversity is a threat to the foundation of life on earth. In the last century alone, we've lost millions of acres of diverse ecosystems to urbanization.

Native plants help protect and restore biodiversity, improve air and water quality and provide wildlife with quality food and shelter. Our vision is native plants and natural landscapes in every community.

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*Connecting People and Native Plants for a Healthy Planet*

Presented by:



in partnership with **Reflection Riding Arboretum & Nature Center** and **Tennessee Native Plant Society**





## What is CNP?

The Certificate in Native Plants (CNP) program is designed to expand your knowledge of botany, ecology, conservation and the use of native flora in the southeastern United States. Students will receive 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 landscape professionals.

## CNP Partnerships

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

## Requirements for Completion

4

Four Core Courses (24 Credits)

8

Eight Elective Courses (32 Credits)

40

40 Volunteer Hours\*

\* Must be approved native plant projects or organizations

## Curriculum

### Core Courses (6 Credits Each)

- Botany I
- Botany II
- Native Plant Communities
- Soils and Water

### Elective Courses (4 Credits Each)

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

## Cost

### Core Courses:

- \$65 Members\*
- \$75 Non-Members

### Elective Courses:

- \$40 Members
- \$50 Non-Members

\* Members Include: Wild Ones, Reflection Riding, Tennessee Native Plant Society

## Get Started Today

Are you ready to enhance your knowledge, sharpen your ID skills and see native landscapes through fresh eyes?

### Register Online at:

[www.tnvalley.wildones.org/CNP](http://www.tnvalley.wildones.org/CNP)

**Space is Limited — Secure Your Spot Early!** Classes can fill quickly, and registration is first-come, first-paid. Your payment confirms your place, so don't wait!

## Cancellation Policy

Refunds are available for cancellations made at least **7 days prior to class**, minus a \$10 administrative fee. Please note: **Refunds cannot be applied toward other classes.**