

Would you like to learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in nature?

Take a Native Plant Master class and get to know the plants of Colorado...

Why native plants?

Colorado has a wealth of native plants, colorful wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees, which are well adapted to our variable climate, soils, temperatures and elevations. Native plants are great for landscaping because of their adaptability.



How can I get information about Colorado plants?

Take a Native Plant Master® class or course or browse the Colorado Plant Database at coloradoplants.jeffco.us for research-based information on 1,000+ Colorado plants.

What kinds of classes are offered?

An easy entry into the program is a NPM *special class* where you can brush up on basic botany, be guided on a botanical exploration of a unique environment, learn more about specialized plants such as orchids or grasses or delve into topic areas like sustainable landscaping, invasive weeds or poisonous plants.



Deepen Your Knowledge

For those wanting to deepen their knowledge, take a *NPM curriculum course* to learn fascinating facts about Colorado plants during three sessions along the trails of a local natural area. Learn more about how to use natives in your garden and protect against invasive alien weeds. Sharpen your plant identification skills by using a botanical key and become comfortable with plant families and scientific names.



Colorado Flora Certificate

If you pass the optional final exam for each of 3 *NPM curriculum courses* you will be awarded a Colorado Flora Certificate recognizing this achievement.

Where can I take a class?

Award-winning Colorado Native Plant Master offerings are sponsored by Colorado State University Extension offices across the state.

How do I register?

Many of these popular classes have a waiting list each year, so register early. For NPM offerings across the state, see conativeplantmaster.org. Contact the program directly at npmassistant@jeffco.us, (303) 271-6620.

Certified Native Plant Master

There is an *optional volunteer certification track*. To become a certified Native Plant Master, you must apply and be accepted to the volunteer program. Volunteers are selected based on their ability to educate the public through employment or volunteer status with an external agency. If accepted, you pay reduced registration fees.



To be certified as a Native Plant Master, volunteers must pass three NPM curriculum courses and educate 60 individuals using information gained from the program. Volunteers maintain certification by educating the public and taking additional classes. For a volunteer application, see conativeplantmaster.org.

Can anyone take a NPM course or class?

NPM offerings are open to anyone 18 years or older on a space available, fee paid basis. Not all courses and classes are offered in every county each year and volunteers are not accepted by all counties each year. A few advanced courses have prerequisites. Some counties have a youth NPM program.



Why take a Native Plant Master offering?

Learn more about native plants than you thought possible – their lifestyles, friends, enemies and how we can benefit from them.

- Become the envy of your colleagues and friends when you identify the wild plants along your local park trail and share intriguing facts about them.
- Learn which native plants can save water in your landscape and which are invasive aliens that can take over your garden or natural area.

What are participants saying?

“It is the best educational experience I have had through my local Extension office. It is outside, hands-on, taught by passionate, intelligent people, and has real world applications.”

“I have used my identification skills to educate my crew mates about what plants to collect for restoration projects, what plants to leave alone, and what plants to remove during invasive plant control efforts.”



Special Partners

The Colorado Native Plant Society and Lookout Mountain Nature Center are special partners with the Native Plant Master Program. Learn more at conps.org and lmnc.jeffco.us



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

For more information, see conativeplantmaster.org or contact the Colorado State University Extension office in your county.



Colorado State University Extension provides information and education and encourages the application of research-based knowledge in response to local, state and national issues affecting individuals, youth, families, agricultural enterprises and communities of Colorado.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination. Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify npmassistant@jeffco.us at least 30 days before the event.

Please note: Outdoor courses may be moderately strenuous. Field courses and classes may require strenuous walking, bending and/or crouching 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. Indoor classes may also have outdoor components with similar conditions.



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