

Native Plant Master Logan/Morgan/Phillips County

Just 20 spots open per course!

Have you always wanted to learn how to identify the beautiful plants that grow in nature? Would you like to learn more about using them in your landscape or learn how to distinguish natives from noxious weeds? Take a Native Plant Master Course!

Learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in nature. Use them in your landscape. Take a Native Plant Master class and get to know the plants of Colorado.

Native Plant Master Mission:

To educate the public about native plants in order to foster stewardship, sustainable landscaping and management of weeds that threaten native ecosystems.

What is Native Plant Master?

Native Plant Master Instructors teach courses on trails in local open space parks and other public lands. This means participants see firsthand the plants inhabiting the ecosystems and life zones that are unique to the area. 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. Recommended by the Colorado Native Plant Society, native plants are great for landscaping because of their adaptability.

Native Plant Master Impact:

Thousands of Coloradans are annually educated by a few hundred NPM volunteers. The team annually measures this impact through a survey asking program participants to report on sustainable landscaping and weed mitigation projects they complete. In 2011, volunteers from across the state reported a combined savings of \$44,920 from reduced landscape inputs such as water, pruning and pest control as a result of planting native species on more than 85,000 acres of public and private land.

Volunteers also reported a combined \$50,475 in savings from improved grazing, crop output, ornamental landscapes, wildlife and tourism, and beginning or increasing weed control efforts of non-native plants—on more than 79,000 acres of public and private land. These figures indicate that CSU Extension has found a cost-effective way to increase the sustainability of Colorado's public and private landscapes while reducing invasive weeds.

How to get signed up?

Call 970-522-3200 ext 281, stop by the extension office at 508 S. 10th Ave. Sterling, CO 8075, or fill out the form and email it to me at Brian.Kailey@colostate.edu

Times and locations:**Deadline to sign up for classes is May 9th**

- (May 18th – June 1st) We will meet at the Sterling visitor center at 7:30 am and rap things up at about 12:00 pm
- (July 13th – July 20th) 13th will be heading up to Trail ridge this will be an all day event. We will meet at the Morgan County extension office at 7:00 am and be back around 7:00 pm. On the 20th we will meet at the Sterling visitor center at 7:30 am
- (August 24th – September 7th) Meet at the Akron fair grounds at 7:30 we will conclude our day around 12:00 pm

Botany Overview:

Prior to the start of classes Bruce Bosley will lead a botany overview. This overview will take place on May 16th from 6-8 pm at the Sterling Regional Engagement Center located at 304 Main Street Sterling, CO 80751. During the Native Plant Master course the instructors will be using botany terminology to describe plant material; thus it's a good idea to get aquatinted with this terminology prior to taking a class. The overview is open to anyone interested in learning more about the language of a botanist.

For more information on Native Plant Master:

Call Brian at 970-522-3200 ext 281 you can find the application at <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/logan/> and for more information you can visit the NPM website at <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/jefferson/npm/npm.shtml>