

Comments from those who have completed this program:

*"I really enjoy taking photographs of wildflowers. I decided to take the Native Plant Master classes to learn about the pretty flowers I see while out on photography walks. Now instead of taking a picture of a "pretty fuzzy purple flower", I know that I am photographing a sugarbowl or *Coriophora scottii* and I know about its botany, habitat and ecological relationship. It makes my hikes more interesting."* —Orla O'Callaghan



Immature female cone of *Pseudotsuga menziesii*, Squirrel Creek Trail near Beulah, CO.

Knowing native plants and teaching others about them helps to preserve a natural heritage that has been here since before we settled this area. There is a great deal of nutritional, medical and tool-making value in indigenous plants that the native peoples knew about, and that should be preserved for the future, and taught to our children.

— Marge Vorndam



Echinocereus triglochidiatus

The Native Plant Master Program is a fun way to spend time in the field this summer, getting to know the plants of southeastern Colorado.



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Visit the Colorado Native Plant database at
<http://jeffco.us/coopext/intro.jsp>

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2018 NATIVE PLANT MASTER® PROGRAM



Lilium philadelphicum, Wood lily,
Gold Camp Road, El Paso County



Senecio flaccidus, Threadleaf
ragwort, Lake Pueblo State Park



Padus virginiana, Chokecherry, Pueblo
Mountain Park, Pueblo County

Why become a Native Plant Master ?

- You'll learn how to expertly design your home landscape with native plants: save water and avoid pollution from fertilizers and other chemicals.
- You'll learn about local native plants in the field, and discover plant relationships with animals that pollinate, consume, and nest in them.
- You'll learn more about native plants than you ever thought possible. You'll learn how they grow, how to identify them, and why the natural world could not exist without them.



Butterflies feed on the nectar of *Rudbeckia ampla* at YMCA Camp Jackson.



Native Plant Master participants examine plants in the Colorado City area.

The CSU Extension Native Plant Master Program lets you take classes in any order and at your own pace. Teachers can use these courses toward re-certification without college credit.

What types of opportunities are there for you to share your native plant knowledge?

- Conservation and habitat restoration projects with Colorado Native Plant Society (CONPS)
- Community and demonstration gardens (design and plant selection)
- Teaching others (summer camps, natural science for youth, writing articles, leading field trips, assist or teach an NPM course)
- Locating and reporting noxious weeds
- Become a citizen scientist and monitor rare and endangered plant communities that are fighting for survival
- Increase the number of native plants in your personal, water-wise landscape



Mission of the Native Plant Master (NPM) Program

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

NOTE: Field courses may require strenuous walking 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 inherent to natural areas.

Location, Dates and Times:

Cheyenne Mountain State Park,
410 J.L. Ranch Heights Rd.,
Colorado Springs, CO
Saturdays, June 9, 16, 23, 2018
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

What course options are available?

Applicants for the Native Plant Master Program must be at least 16 years old.

Option #1 (volunteer):

- Take a course consisting of 3 days (usually Saturdays) for \$55*

**This discounted rate applies if you agree to volunteer to teach 20 people about Colorado plants per course taken.*

Option #2 (non-volunteer):

- Take a course consisting of 3 days (usually Saturdays) for \$65
- Take 1 session of a 3-day course for \$30

How do you apply?

Download an application from our website <http://pueblo.colostate.edu/hor/hort.shtml> or stop by the CSU Extension/Pueblo County office at 701 Court Street, Suite C, Pueblo, CO 81003 or request one by calling 719-583-6566 or contact Sherie Caffey at caffey@pueblounty.us

Applications with payment will be taken until the course is full or by May 29, 2018.