

Nebraska Master Naturalist Program
Grant # 19-184 2nd Quarter Periodic Report
4/1/21-6/30/21



By The Numbers: In April, May and June of 2021 Nebraska Master Naturalist program volunteers have **contributed 1,949** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$53,012**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **4,865** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 15,195** acres across the state in resource management projects, many projects dealing with state listed at risk species and water quality. Since Nebraska Master Naturalist volunteering efforts began in 2010, a total of **95,996** volunteer service hours have been contributed statewide. The volunteering is valued at **\$2,611,091** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support in participating in a wide array of volunteer projects.

Highlighted Events: This spring brought back a glimpse of normalcy to the Master Naturalist Program. In May we hosted a “Core 24” training at the fabulous Schramm Education Center along the Platte near Gretna. We welcomed 15 new Master Naturalists in to the program after this two weekend training. it was good to be back in person learning hands on and in the field. Another highlight of this spring was the hiring of Dayna Berry, our new assistant for the Jr Master Naturalist Program. This spring and summer significant headway was made in developing the curriculum and what future facilitation of the Jr program will look like, more will be in store this fall when the Jr Program begins to pilot in schools. In a celebration of working together in person, Master Naturalists were given the opportunity to work on the rehabilitation of a public wetland on Nebraska Game & Parks headquarter in Lincoln. By cleaning up the wetland and removing unwanted invasive species, the goal is to increase public visitation on the site and use it as an educational tool. Platte Basin Time-lapse project has also been documenting the process and will be featured in their upcoming videos about Nebraska Wetlands.

Outreach: Also this spring the Nebraska Master Naturalist program provided outreach materials for Earth Day events in Omaha. We also continued our monthly speaker series that we titled as “Noontime talks”. These monthly programs have been a great way to connect with other Master Naturalists and the general public that are invited to attend. We have covered such topics as the North American Bat Monitoring Program which seeks volunteer support (such as Nebraska Master Naturalists) to help survey native bat populations in select sites around the state. This program helps to determine range and number of bat species to help get a better glimpse into the current status of the species. In this period our program partnered with Pheasants Forever Nebraska in training and supplying naturalist volunteers to participate in their “Pathways for Wildlife” & Cover Crop Habitat monitoring projects. Members of Pheasants Forever spoke to Master Naturalists as a part of the “Noontime Talk” program to recruit and educate volunteers, and now we have nearly a dozen Master Naturalists helping out with these Pheasants Forever surveys around the state.

What is Ahead: In the coming months, there will be two more Master Naturalist trainings, at Cedar Point Biological Station and The Crane Trust. Also the NMNP will be hosting again the Master Naturalist Fall Conference in November. This is a great opportunity to hear and learn from other Naturalists and the projects they have started or been part of. Also the NMNP will be producing a butterfly guide for eastern Nebraska. This guide is produced by a couple of Naturalists in the Omaha area. It is a great showcase of the skills and talents of our members. To see the list of all our NMNP opportunities please visit our [calendar of events](#).

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2021 2nd Quarter Totals			
	Total Hours Volunteered	Number of People Made Contact With	Number of Acres Impacted
Total 2nd Quarter Administrative Efforts	92.5	122	28
Total 2nd Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	473.07	3287	325
Total 2nd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	533	682	13554.15
Total 2nd Quarter Citizen Science:	741.9	227	1274.3
Total 2nd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	108.3	547	14
Total 2nd Quarter Volunteer Hours:	1,949	4,865	15,195
Total Value of Volunteer time: \$27.20			
Total Value of 2nd Quarter Time	53,012		
Total Volunteer time 2010-2021:	95,996	857,942.00	131,397
Total Volunteer Time Value 2010-2021	2,611,091		
	Total Continuing Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2021:	22,669.00		
Total 2nd Quarter CE Hours:	410		