

**By The Numbers:** In this quarter, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **contributed 2,800** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$69,120**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **28,161** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted** 2,805 acres across the state in resource management projects, many dealing with state listed at risk species and water quality. Since tracking Master Naturalist volunteering efforts in 2010, Nebraska Master Naturalists have contributed a total of **76,912** volunteer service hours statewide. This is valued at **\$ 1,898,957** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support.

**Highlighted Events:** Nebraska Master Naturalist have been more active than ever before! This quarter Nebraska Master Naturalists have volunteered 2,800 hours. This is the largest amount of volunteer hours our members have participated in since the inception of the program. This showcases our member's dedication to the program and more so, to the education and conservation of Nebraska's natural heritage. Also, this quarter was busy on the training front. We hosted two trainings for new members of the program. In April & May we held a "core" training in the Omaha area, over two weekends. The first weekend was hosted at Glacier Creek preserve, and the second weekend was held at Heron Haven. In June, we held our annual "complete" training at The Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve. This is the 8<sup>th</sup> year that we have been fortunate to lead our training at this wonderful facility. In these two trainings we welcomed 23 new Naturalists into our membership.

**Outreach:** The Nebraska Master Naturalist Program was also out and about a fair amount this spring. In May program members led an outreach booth at Nebraska Game & Parks annual Fort Kearny Expo. In addition to volunteering in program outreach, several Master Naturalists were on hand volunteering at various stations around the park, showcasing our outreach in action. In addition, the program was in attendance for several Earth Day events around the state, hosting outreach and education booths. Furthermore, we were on hand volunteering and conducting outreach at UNL's annual weather-fest in May.

**What is Ahead:** The Nebraska Master Naturalist program is ramping up for an exciting and busy fall season. In August, to celebrate the end to an active summer, we will host our annual Master Naturalist Reunion, at The Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve. This event is a wonderful time to connect, reconnect and learn about Nebraska's natural legacy. In July and September, we will host our last two trainings of the season. In July we will kick off our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual week long "complete" training event at UNL's Cedar Point Biological Station. And in September, we will host a "Core" training over the first two weekends of the month in central Nebraska at The Crane Trust. We expect to welcome 25 new Naturalist members to join us. In September the Program will also be in attendance at Nebraska Game & Parks Missouri River Expo, where we will be doing program outreach and volunteering in several areas around the park. In November, the Master Naturalist Program will also be holding our 3<sup>rd</sup> Nebraska Master Naturalist Conference, that will be held at Fontenelle Forest. This event is a great opportunity for our members to share their conservation success stories as well as for our partnering programs to instruct and solicit for volunteer projects. The annual conference is always a great time to connect, build relationships and learn from one another in ways that enhance our member's success in what they do. As we gear up for the fall and winter, we plan on enhancing our program's resources and offering to our members, partners and those who benefit from Master Naturalists in action.

**Nebraska Master Naturalist Program**  
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<b>2019 2nd Quarter Totals</b>			
	<b>Total Hours Volunteered</b>	<b>Number of People Made Contact With</b>	<b>Number of Acres Impacted</b>
Total Volunteer Hours 2010-2019:	76,912	749,132	87,524
Total 2nd Quarter Administrative Efforts	585.6	1724	2
Total 2nd Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	961.89	10126	62
Total 2nd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	495.8	11218	1105.83
Total 2nd Quarter Citizen Science:	452.75	1401	1606
Total 2nd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	303.5	3692	29.5
<b>Total 2nd Quarter Volunteer Hours:</b>	2799.54	28161	2805.33
<b>Total Value of Volunteer time: \$24.69</b>			
<b>Total 2nd Quarter Value of Volunteer time:</b>	69,120		
	<b>Total Continuing Education Hours</b>		
Total CE Hours 2010-2019:	18,022		
Total 2nd Quarter CE Hours:	2,190		