

By The Numbers: This summer the Nebraska Master Naturalist program volunteers **contributed 2,179** hours of volunteer service in program and projects around the state, valued at **\$62,188**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **7,029** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 10,757** 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 **98,175** volunteer service hours have been contributed statewide. The volunteering is valued at **\$2,801,914** 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, being awarded our latest NET grant and the hiring of our Jr Nebraska Master Naturalist Program Coordinator, significant gains have been made in the development of the Jr Program Curriculum. The writing of the curriculum lesson plans, activities and extension activities have been completed. The curriculum is in the process of being edited and formatted into a nice 'package' that we can send to teachers and schools in the 2021-22 school year. In July the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program (NMNP) hosted a weeklong "complete" training at the University of Nebraska's Cedar Point Biological Research Station near Ogallala. This training offers Master Naturalist Certification after 60 hours of hands-on instruction. The location is a great way for participants to learn from resource professionals, and experience instruction in the field. We look forward to future trainings at this location. This training also welcomed 15 new members into the program. Other noteworthy events that took place this summer was the work our Lincoln area Master Naturalists did alongside the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in restoring the public wetland on NGPC headquarters in Lincoln. This project provided an opportunity for NMNP members to volunteer their time in cleaning up and removing unwanted plant species from the wetland site, and providing NGPC with a useful education tool for public outreach. Also the NMNP River City Chapter out of Omaha meet monthly this summer and held presentations on surface and subsurface water quality. The chapter also participated in water quality testing in and around the Omaha metro area, with the assistance of UNL faculty.

Outreach: This summer the NMNP has teamed up with two of our members to write and publish a guide to Eastern Butterflies of Nebraska. This is a wonderful guide that covers 70 species of butterflies and moths, that were identified between 2015-2020. This guide is not only very informative but it offers up a great example of what NMNP members are capable of. In August several NMNP members were also on site volunteering with the Nebraska Forest Service at the State Fair. This is another great opportunity to showcase NMNP in action. Furthermore, NMNP staff was onsite with an information and education booth at the Missouri River Expo at Ponca State Park in September. This is always a great outreach event that brings in future recruits into the NMNP.

What is Ahead: Coming up in October the NMNP will host our final training of new members this year. It will be held with our partners at the Crane Trust. This training will bring in 16 new members into the program. For the Jr. Master Naturalist Program, this fall we will be focused on reaching out to schools, teachers, and other potential leaders that would be willing to pilot the program. The goal is to have curriculum taught in at least 4 different schools this school year. We're working on ensuring that we can pilot this program in a wide variety of settings including rural schools, homeschools, after school programs. We look forward to the future growth and potential of this program!

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To see the list of all our NMNP opportunities please visit our [calendar of events](#).

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2021 3rd Quarter Volunteering Totals			
	Total Hours Volunteered	Number of People Made Contact With	Number of Acres Impacted
Total 3rd Quarter Administrative Efforts	49.83	67	0
Total 3rd Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	722.87	5634	3670.25
Total 3rd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	335.85	335	4340.25
Total 3rd Quarter Citizen Science:	948.85	663	2743.53
Total 3rd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	121.5	330	3
Total 3rd Quarter Volunteer Hours:	2,179	7,029	10,757
Value of Volunteer time: \$28.54			
Total Value of 3rd Quarter Volunteering	62,188		
Total Volunteer time:	98,175	864,971.00	142,154
LTD Total Volunteer Time Value	2,801,914		
	Total Continuing Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2021:	23,115.00		
Total 3rd Quarter CE Hours:	446		