

Nebraska Master Naturalist Program 2018 3rd Quarter Report



By The Numbers: In this quarter, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **contributed 2,171** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$52,407**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **19,731** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 3,870** acres across the state in resource management projects. Since tracking Master Naturalist volunteering efforts in 2010, Nebraska Master Naturalists have contributed a total of **65,471** volunteer service hours statewide. This is valued at **\$1,580,470** in savings to Nebraska by utilizing volunteer support.

Highlighted Events: In the second quarter of 2018, The Nebraska Master Naturalist Program hosted two training events, bringing in 23 new members into the program. July's training took place at Cedar Point Biological Station, a University of Nebraska Campus on the shore of Lake Ogallala. This was a week long course that allowed for the participants to complete the 60 hours required for Master Naturalist Certification. Also this training was made eligible as graduate credit through the University of Nebraska, primarily aimed at secondary science educators. In September we also hosted a "Core 24" training with our partners at the Crane Trust near Grand Island. This most recent training at the Crane Trust was our largest group since 2011, it is great to add more naturalists to the Central Nebraska Area. These two training events help us by training newly recruited Naturalists to help in statewide conservation efforts. Other events included our annual Nebraska Master Naturalist Reunion in August at the Nature Conservancy's Niobrara Valley Preserve. This three-day weekend was an opportunity for Naturalist Members to reconnect and explore the area. We even held a miniature bioblitz led by NGPC Watchable Wildlife Biologist Alie Mayes. This was an opportunity to capture a small snapshot of the living species found on the preserve. In August we also hosted a native grass identification course with our partners at Prairie Plains Resource Institute.

Outreach: The Nebraska Master Naturalist program was out and about this summer. The program held outreach booths to promote the work of our conservation partners. We were at Missouri River Expo in September. This year we provided the volunteer support for the family activity area, this was a great way to show off our member's talents and to promote the program through action. Be one the look out as later this fall for the 4th edition of our Nebraska Naturalist Calendar that will be made available. This project is a labor of love that shares with fellow Nebraskans the phonology of our natural world, not to mention great photos that have been graciously donated to us by Nebraska Game & Parks and our own Naturalist members.

What is Ahead: As the Nebraska Master Naturalist program looks ahead to the last quarter of 2018, we hope to further expand our ability to assist our naturalist members and program partners work in education and conservation efforts statewide. The program will be hosting our 2nd annual Conference October 5th&6th at the Crane Trust Nature and Visitor Center. This year's conference theme is on Service learning and Citizen Science. We hope many partner members and Master Naturalists will attend to learn about conservation work that fellow Naturalists and our partnering organizations are engaged in, as well as participate in two onsite service project and citizen science projects that will be incorporated into this year's event. In conclusion we will be continuing to "Put Master Naturalists to work" by developing future projects with our members and program partners to help them reach their goals and mission's, by providing resources and connections from around the state.

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2018 3rd Quarter Totals *10/11/18			
	Total Hours Volunteered	Number of People Made Contact With	Number of Acres Impacted
Total Volunteer Hours 2010-2018:	65,471	671,680	73,272
Total 3rd Quarter Administrative Efforts	309.75	2672	1500
Total 3rd Quarter Interp & Outreach:	803.3	10336	41
Total 3rd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	259.63	1155	1880.5
Total 3rd Quarter Citizen Science:	623.3	3803	391
Total 3rd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	175	1765	57
Total 3rd Quarter Volunteer Hours:	2170.98	19731	3869.5
Total Value of Volunteer time: \$24.14	1,580,470		
Total 3rd Quarter Value of Volunteer time:	52,407		
	Total Continuing Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2018:	16,266		
Total 3rd Quarter CE Hours:	443.3		