

**By The Numbers:** In this quarter, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **contributed 1,483** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$37,727**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **8,983** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 866** acres across the state in resource management projects, several projects dealing with state listed at risk species and water quality. Since Master Naturalist volunteering efforts began in 2010, Nebraska Master Naturalists have contributed a total of **81,917** volunteer service hours statewide. This is valued at **\$2,083,149** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support.

**Highlighted Events:** In wrapping up 2019 the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program was fortunate in planning and coordinating the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Master Naturalist Conference. The annual conference took place in early November with our partners at Fontenelle Forest in Bellevue. This event is a wonderful opportunity for Naturalist members to hear and share about projects they have volunteered with, organized and executed over the previous year. It is a wonderful showcase of the dedication to conservation, education and creativity that our members are capable of. Partnering organizations such as the Xerces Society and the North American Bat Monitoring Program were on hand to present to our Naturalist Members about Citizen Science opportunities and research. It was great to hear how some of their data in ongoing projects have been sourced from Master Naturalists on the ground doing the data collection.

In the theme of great events, in October we were fortunate to have a dozen Master Naturalist members attend Nebraska Game & Parks' Natural Legacy Conference in Gering. This is another wonderful opportunity for our members to observe and learn from conservation and research professionals, that help teach and enhance the knowledge and skills of our Naturalists. Later in December, our Naturalists Members were onsite for the another conference, the Prescribed Burn Conference that took place in Kearney. And to close out 2019, we had dozens of Naturalist volunteers participate in the annual Christmas Bird Count, all over the state.

**Outreach:** This fall all three of our regional groups & chapter met and engaged in organizing future events and volunteer projects in their goal of becoming more active in 2020.

**What is Ahead:** The future of the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program looks bright in 2020, We have several events and volunteering opportunities coming up that will further our mission and the work our members do to enhance conservation in Nebraska. In February we will host a Winter Celebration, with our partners at Fontenelle forest. This event, is one mixed with recognition of our volunteers from the previous year's accomplishments, as well as a learning opportunity to hear from work being done by our partners at Nebraska Wildlife Rehab, UNL and Chief Standing Bear Trail. In the Spring we will be back at doing outreach and education at many events statewide, to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day. We are also in the midst of planning our Master Naturalist Complete Trainings. These week-long training events will take place at UNL's Cedar Point Biological Station. One of the trainings will also be eligible for graduate credit through the University of Nebraska, which provides us with exposure to educators and professionals seeking involvement.

**Nebraska Master Naturalist Program**  
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<b>2019 4th 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:	81,917	778,212	92,495
Total 4th Quarter Administrative Efforts	241.46	868	6
Total 4th Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	488.25	3816	169
Total 4th Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	202.03	2971	408
Total 4th Quarter Citizen Science:	459.85	931	263
Total 4th Quarter Outdoor Skills:	92	397	20
<b>Total 4th Quarter Volunteer Hours:</b>	1483.59	8983	866
<b>Total Value of Volunteer time: \$25.43</b>			
<b>Total 4th Quarter Value of Volunteer time:</b>	37,727		
Total Volunteer Time Value	2,083,149		
	<b>Total Continuing Education Hours</b>		
Total CE Hours 2010-2019:	19,051		
Total 4th Quarter CE Hours:	390		