

By The Numbers: In this quarter, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **contributed 2,256** hours of volunteer time valued at **\$57,370**. In their efforts, Nebraska Master Naturalists have **connected** with **16,804** Nebraskans through their volunteer service and have directly **impacted 3,700** acres across the state in resource management projects, many 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 **79,979** volunteer service hours statewide. This is valued at **\$2,033,865** in salary savings to our partners and Nebraskans by utilizing Nebraska Master Naturalists for volunteer support.

Highlighted Events: In this season of Master Naturalist activities our members and partnering organizations had much to be excited about. In July the Nebraska Master Naturalist Program (NMNP) hosted our second, 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. Also this training was made eligible as graduate credit though the University of Nebraska, primarily aimed at secondary science educators. We look forward to future trainings at this location. This training also welcomed 15 new members into the program. In August, the NMNP hosted our annual Reunion weekend at The Nature Conservancy’s Niobrara Valley Preserve. This three-day weekend was an opportunity for Naturalist Members to reconnect to each other and partner representatives, as well as explore the area. A fellow Master Naturalist led a demonstration on identifying native wild edible plants. Also Baxter Sequin, North American Bat Monitoring Program Coordinator for Nebraska and Wyoming led a program on the Bat Monitoring program and how our Naturalist Members could assist in data collection efforts. In August, the NMNP was also proud partners with the University of Nebraska’s department of Entomology and the Xerces Society in presenting the Citizen Science Program Nebraska Bumble Bee Atlas. This project aims to survey and identify Bumble Bee habitat in the State. Salt Valley Chapter Haines Branch meeting, Nam Con

Outreach: The second half of the summer and into fall has also been an active time for program outreach and recruitment. In July NMNP Members participated in Lincoln Electric System’s 2019 Sustainable Living Festival with an outreach and education booth. In late August, NMNP members were active in volunteering with our Nebraska Game & Parks counterparts at the State Fair. They volunteered by facilitating many outdoor education activities such as the Mammal Education Cabin. In September the NMNP 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 5th edition of our Nebraska Naturalist Calendar that will be made available in the fall. 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: The Nebraska Master Naturalist program is ramping up for an exciting and busy fall and winter season. In November will be hosting our 3rd NMNP Conference. This event will be held with our partners at Fontenelle Forest. This event is a great opportunity to learn from program partners and members about conservation and research projects from the past year. We will also be releasing our 2020 dates for new member training and certification in October.

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2019 3rd Quarter Totals			
	Total Hours Volunteered	Number of People Made Contact With	Number of Acres Impacted
Total Volunteer Hours 2010-2019:	79,979	768,079	91,628
Total 3rd Quarter Administrative Efforts	227.95	1565	0
Total 3rd Quarter Interpretation & Outreach:	935.54	9583	58
Total 3rd Quarter Natural Resource MGMT:	275.1	2167	1420.25
Total 3rd Quarter Citizen Science:	617.45	1781	2151.5
Total 3rd Quarter Outdoor Skills:	200.23	1708	70.5
Total 3rd Quarter Volunteer Hours:	2,256	16,804	3,700
Total Value of Volunteer time: \$25.43			
Total 3rd Quarter Value of Volunteer time:	57,370		
	Total Continuing Education Hours		
Total CE Hours 2010-2019:	18,614		
Total 3rd Quarter CE Hours:	511		