Cost
$215.00 registration fee includes all six sessions, materials and handouts. (***(Please note that checks may take up to a month before cashed by MSU.)

Topics/Dates for 2015

- **April 18**  Introduction to Conservation Theory & Practice
- **April 25**  Woodland Wildflowers  
  Instructor: Amy Heilman
- **May 30**  Native Trees and Shrubs  
  Instructor: Dr. Rob Keys
- **June 6**  Michigan Wetland Habitats  
  Instructor: Ray Gates
- **July 18**  Prairie Environments  
  Instructor: Craig Elston
- **Aug 22**  Invasive Plant Species  
  Instructor: Melanie Manion

  **Locations to be announced**

Volunteering
To receive certification as a “Master Naturalist”, participant must complete 30 volunteer hours in a conservation type of setting. A list of organizations that provide approved Volunteer Opportunities will be given. Participants have two years to complete their 30 hour Volunteer requirement.

Educational Credits
25 MSU Extension Master Gardener Educational Credits

No Refunds Will Be Given.

Special Needs: Once registered, please contact Ginny Wanty at 616-632-7873 at least two weeks prior to the start of the class if you have special needs.

Questions? Contact Ginny Wanty at (616) 632-7873 or wanty@anr.msu.edu

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Program
This program is open to anyone who has an interest in the great outdoors! Participants in the “Master Naturalist” Program will gain a greater understanding of the natural environment and conservation techniques while learning the flora native to Kent County. Throughout the program and subsequent volunteer opportunities, participants can take an active role in implementing what they have learned throughout their neighborhoods and in their own backyards.

About the Instructors
All classes will be led by trained educators and/or conservation professionals.

Locations
The six sessions will be taught in both indoor and outdoor settings. The outdoor sessions will be lead on foot in a wide variety of locations including well known (or somewhat secretive) parks, native preserves and bogs throughout the greater Grand Rapids area. Some locations may have steep or rough terrain. These sessions will run from 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. each Saturday. Automobile transportation is necessary and carpooling can be coordinated if needed.

What to Expect
Students will be provided with a curriculum, notebook, materials, a copy of Douglas Tallamy’s Bringing Nature Home and other resources. Students should wear appropriate clothing such as boots, hat, long pants, etc. A camera, hand lens, field guides and binoculars may also prove helpful on lab walks. All classes will be held rain or shine.

Final Exam
At the completion of the six sessions, a take home final exam will be given. Participants will need to earn a 70% or better to be certified as a Master Naturalist.

Attendance
Each Master Naturalist is expected to attend every one of the six sessions. If a participant misses more than one session then he or she cannot become a certified Master Naturalist.

Name: _______________________________
Address: ______________________________
City/Zip Code: _________________________
Daytime Phone: ________________________
County of Residence: ___________________
Email: _______________________________

I am registering for:
_____ Kent County Master Naturalist
Program Fee: $215.00

Total Registration Amount $ __________

Mail this registration form and your check for the total amount made payable to MSU:
MSU Extension
Master Naturalist Program
775 Ball Avenue NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

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A confirmation letter will be sent to all participants once the six session series fills with 30 participants or by 4-6-15