

Illinois Master Naturalist Virtual Annual Conference October 5-9, 2020



AGENDA

Opening Session - Monday, October 5th, 2-4 pm

2:00-3:00	Keynote Address: Nature's Best Hope - <i>Dr. Doug Tallamy, University of Delaware</i>
3:00-4:00	A Celebration of Master Naturalists across Illinois - <i>Master Naturalist Coordinators, University of Illinois Extension</i>

Prairie Day - Tuesday, October 6th, 2-4 pm

2:00-3:00	The Prairie Landscape - <i>Sean Jenkins, Western Illinois University</i>
3:00-4:00	Prairie Learning Sessions (concurrent) A. Leadership Learning - Empowering Volunteers - <i>Susan Kleinman, Nachusa Grasslands Volunteer</i> B. Education Learning - The Bison Return to Nachusa - <i>Mark Jordan, Master Naturalist</i> C. Citizen Science Learning - Firefly Watch, Dragonfly Watch, and Seed on the Prairie - <i>Bev Julien and Joyce Gibbons, Master Naturalists and Eric Snively, Macon County Conservation District</i> D. Stewardship Learning - The Basics of Prescribed Prairie Burning - <i>Jim and Pam Richards, Master Naturalists</i>

Forest Day - Wednesday, October 7th, 2-4 pm

2:00-3:00	The Illinois Big Tree Register - <i>Jay Hayek, University of Illinois</i>
3:00-4:00	Forest Learning Sessions (concurrent) A. Leadership Learning - City Tree Commissions - <i>Stan Adkins, City of Charleston</i> B. Education Learning - Tree Identification - <i>Hannah Schwanke, Douglas-Hart Nature Center</i> C. Citizen Science Learning - Useful Apps in Natural Resources - <i>Kevin Rohling, University of Illinois</i> D. Stewardship Learning - Invasive Species Identification, Removal, Look-a-likes, and Native Alternatives - <i>Marissa Grant, Douglas-Hart Nature Center</i>

Wetlands/Aquatic Day – Thursday, October 8th, 2-4 pm

2:00-3:00	The Illinois River and Restoration of The Nature Conservancy's Emiquon Preserve - <i>Jason Beverlin, The Nature Conservancy</i>
3:00-4:00	Wetlands/Aquatic Learning Sessions (concurrent) A. Leadership Learning - Waterfowl, Wetland Management and Other Wetland Birds - <i>Auriel Fournier, Forbes Biological Station</i> B. Education Learning - Alligator Snapping Turtle Project - <i>Paul Ritter, Pontiac Township High School</i> C. Citizen Science Learning - Illinois River Biological Station Research and Monitoring - <i>James Lamer, Illinois Natural History Survey</i> D. Stewardship Learning - The Fish in the Forest: Discovering Illinois' Hidden Hatchery - <i>Frank Sladek, Illinois Department of Natural Resources</i>

Wildland/Urban Interface Day - Friday, October 9th, 2-4 pm

2:00-3:00	The Health of Humans And Nature: a Two-Way Street - <i>Dr. Teresa Horton, Northwestern University</i>
3:00-4:00	Wildland/Urban Interface Learning Sessions (concurrent) A. Leadership Learning – Making Change in your Community - <i>Abigail Garofalo, University of Illinois, Melissa Paschold, Master Naturalist, Lynora Jensen, Master Naturalist, and Stephanie Temple, Master Naturalist</i> B. Education Learning – Is it Real? Fostering authentic learning experiences through museum approaches and local, urban nature - <i>Michelle Rabkin, Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum</i> C. Citizen Science Learning – The iPollinate Program - <i>Kelly Allsup, University of Illinois</i> D. Stewardship Learning – Stewardship at the Chicago Park District's Burnham Wildlife Corridor, Roots and Routes - <i>Ted Gross and Teish Daniel, Chicago Park District</i>