

A Naturalist's Virtual Seminar

Monday, February 22nd, through Friday, February 26th, 2021

The University of Illinois Extension Master Naturalist Program of Bureau, LaSalle, Marshall and Putnam Counties will be hosting a week-long virtual seminar focusing on Illinois wildlife and stewardship practices. This seminar, which is open to the public, will meet daily at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom for two, one-hour sessions. The seminar kicks off on Monday, February 22nd at 2:00 p.m. with a keynote address by **Abigail Garofalo**, Energy & Environmental Stewardship Educator with University of Illinois Extension Serving Cook County, with a talk titled "Conservation at Home". **See the back of this flyer for the full agenda of classes.**



The seminar is free, however donations are welcome. Interested individuals must pre-register by **Friday, February 19th**. Participants will receive Zoom links for each session they register for. You may register for any session that interests you if there is space. Participants will be able to ask questions at the conclusion of each session. If you have an interest in our state's natural resources and stewardship practices, you won't want to miss this event!

To register, please use the following link: <https://go.illinois.edu/naturalist2021>

OR you may phone 815-433-0707 or e-mail meo@illinois.edu for additional information. The deadline to register is Friday, February 19th, 2021. Space is limited so sign up now!



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A Naturalist's Virtual Seminar 2021: Available Sessions

Monday, February 22nd, 2021

- **2:00-3:15 p.m.: Keynote - *Conservation at Home*** - Abigail Garofalo, Energy and Environmental Stewardship Educator, University of Illinois Extension

Our stewardship efforts often focus on public land or restoring large natural areas, but a majority of land in Illinois is owned privately and in small parcels. Our knowledge of environmental stewardship can be applied right to our home landscapes where you and your neighbors can make a big impact on your small patch of land. From water and soil quality, to biodiversity, to wildlife habitat, everyone has the ability to support these environmental services right at home.

Tuesday, February 23rd, 2021

- **2:00-3:00 p.m. *Watch your step! Discovering the Plant Diversity in the Understory of our Forests*** - Chris Evans, Extension Forester and Interim State Master Naturalist Coordinator, U of I Extension
- **3:15-4:15 p.m. *Bat Conservation in the Mosaic Landscape of Illinois***—Joy O'Keefe, Assistant Professor and Wildlife Extension Specialist at the University of Illinois

Wednesday, February 24th, 2021

- **2:00-3:00 p.m. *The Promise and Peril of Urban Wildlife***—Negin Almassi, Naturalist, Forest Preserves of Cook County
- **3:15-4:15 p.m. *Collecting Native Seeds: from a Nachusa Grasslands Volunteer*** – Susan Kleiman, naturalist and volunteer at Nachusa Grasslands and Educator at Byron Forest Preserve

Thursday, February 25th, 2021

- **2:00-3:00 p.m. *Introduction to Prescribed Fire*** – Kaleb Baker, Land Steward for the Illinois Audubon Society
- **3:15-4:15 p.m. *Wildlife Rehabilitation at Oaken Acres Wildlife Center*** – Amilee Maher, Staff Supervisor/Educational Program Director, Oaken Acres Wildlife Center

Friday, February 26th, 2021

- **2:00-3:00 p.m. *Dayton Bluffs: Six Years of Creating a Nature Preserve*** – David Manigold, Volunteer Coordinator of the Dayton Bluffs Preserve
- **3:15-4:15 p.m. *Getting to Know Your Native Herps!*** – George Klut, Naturalist with the Forest Preserves District, Cook County

Full descriptions of each session are found on the registration page using the link given on the front of this flyer. Those who register but are unable to attend the sessions on the given date and time will receive links to recorded sessions for later viewing.