



2018 ANNUAL REPORT

Meaningful service for a better Minnesota

Though many scientists study the environmental problems that face our planet, the size of the task is truly formidable. Ordinary people, however, make significant contributions toward improving and protecting our natural environment through the Minnesota Master Naturalist program.

Read on to see how our volunteers are making a real and lasting difference!



871
ACTIVE VOLUNTEERS
PERFORMED

88,743
HOURS OF SERVICE
IN 4 KEY AREAS

**CITIZEN SCIENCE
PROJECTS**

Contributing directly to scientific research through the collection of data.



**EDUCATION AND
INTERPRETATION**

Presenting natural science, developing education materials, and leading field tours.



**STEWARDSHIP
PROJECTS**

Participating in management activities like invasive species removal and habitat restoration.

**PROGRAM
SUPPORT**

Serving as chapter organizers, office and event support for sponsors and the program.

And the impacts were extraordinary...

19,238
ACRES
IMPACTED

180
SPONSOR
ORGANIZATIONS

31,650
PEOPLE
REACHED



Helping get big jobs done

When the Master Naturalist program began work on a **new invasive species guide**, we learned that sourcing the necessary high-quality photographs could be costly and time consuming. But through an innovative crowdsourcing campaign, **40 volunteers** contributed pictures to the guide, with the photos valued at over **\$9,000!**

Volunteer spotlight

Elizabeth Heeren volunteers at the University of Minnesota's Bell Museum and the Cedar Creek Ecosystem Science Reserve, but her work doesn't end there!

70 ADVANCED TRAINING HOURS
753 VOLUNTEER SERVICE HOURS
50 EMERALD ASH BORER FINDS
93 ACRES IMPACTED

Courses and graduates

Our numbers are growing, but our training never stops! Our three biome courses were offered across the state, with thousands of Minnesotans going through our program.

19 BIOME COURSES
2,605 VOLUNTEER GRADUATES
256 INSTRUCTOR GRADUATES
60 ADVANCED TRAININGS

Service across the state

On September 22nd over **230 volunteers** took part in **National Public Lands Day**. The Minnesota Master Naturalist program partnered with **16 work sites** across the state for this annual day of service. Volunteers logged over **834 hours**, which is valued at **\$23,553**.

