

# GEORGIA MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM



## 2024 Master Naturalist Program

### Dates:

August 26, 2024, to  
November 4, 2020  
(See next page for the  
program agenda)

### Times:

9:00am to 4:00pm

### Cost:

\$250

### Register at:

<https://t.ly/Qtdfv>

### Registration Deadline:

August 21, 2024  
Limited Spaces

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**Are you a nature enthusiast? Consider** taking the Georgia Master Naturalist course! Developed in 2004 by **UGA Extension** and the **Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources**, the Georgia Master Naturalist Program is an adult environmental education course exploring the ecosystems and natural environments of the local area and our state. This program is a combination of **lectures and hands-on field studies taught by UGA faculty and field experts**. Classes are customized to local habitats such as granite outcroppings, ponds, forests and urban landscapes.

### Course Topics Include

- ◆ Geology
- ◆ Ecological Principles
- ◆ Birding
- ◆ Forestry and Tree Identification
- ◆ Pollinators
- ◆ Wildflowers/Native Plants
- ◆ Wildlife
- ◆ Entomology
- ◆ Reptiles/Amphibians
- ◆ Climate and Weather
- ◆ Stream Ecology
- ◆ Invasive Plants and Pests



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## UGA EXTENSION HENRY MASTER NATURALIST PROGRAM AGENDA FALL 2024

### **August 26 – UGA Extension Henry County**—97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252

8:30am - 9:00am - Introduction and Overview of the Program – Timothy Daly, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County  
9:00am -10:30am - General Ecology – Timothy Daly, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County  
10:30am - 12:00pm - Nuisance Wildlife - Ms. McKenzie Wheeler, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Rockdale County  
12:00am – 1:00pm - Lunch  
1:00pm - 2:30pm - Basic Entomology - Mr. Phil Hensley, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Spalding County  
2:30pm - 4:00pm - Nuisance Insects - Mr. Timothy Daly, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County

### **September 9 - Newman Wetlands Center**— 2755 Freeman Rd, Hampton, GA 30228

9:00am-12:00pm - Birds and Birdwatching—Ms. Linda May, Outreach Coordinator, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division  
12:00pm – 1:00pm Lunch  
1:00m - 2:30pm - Wetland Ecology – Ms. Danielle Bunch, Conservation Supervisor, Newman Wetlands Center  
2:30pm—4:00pm—Constructed Treatment Wetlands— Ms. Danielle Bunch, Conservation Supervisor, Newman Wetlands Center

### **September 25 – Davidson– Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve**— 3787 Klondike Rd, Stonecrest, GA 30038

9:00am - 10:30am - Rock Outcrop Ecology and Geology – Mr. Robert Astrove, Natural Resources Manager, DeKalb County Recreation, Parks and Cultural Affairs Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve  
10:00am to 11:30pm - Basic Soil Science – Mr. Timothy Daly, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County  
12:00pm-1:00pm - Lunch  
1:00pm-2:30pm - Local wildlife – Mr. Shaundon Moore, Conservation Naturalist, DeKalb County Recreation, Parks, and Cultural Affairs Davidson-Arabia Mountain Nature Preserve  
2:30pm —3:30pm AWARE Animal Rescue

### **September 30– UGA Griffin Campus**—1109 Experiment St, Griffin, GA 30223, Flynt Building, Room 305

9:00am - 10:30am - Plant Names and Identification – Dr. Bethany Harris, Horticulture Instructor and Program Coordinator, Southern Crescent Technical College  
10:30am—11:30am - Foraging Plants—Brooklyne Wassel, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Pike County and Mr. Phil Hensley, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Spalding County  
11:30am – 12:00pm - Tour of the USDA Seed Bank, Melanie Harrison, Research Leader , USDA Plant Genetic Resources Conservation Unit  
12:00pm - 1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm - 2:30pm - Native Plants, Trecia Neal, Owner, Green Gardens Education and Designs LLC  
2:30pm - 4:00pm - Invasive Plants, Mr. Timothy Daly, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County

### **October 7—Panola Mountain State Park**—2620 Georgia 155 SW, Stockbridge, GA 30281

9:00am—10:30pm Trees and Tree Identification—Mr. David Long, Urban and Community Forestry Specialist, Georgia Forestry Commission  
10:30am—12:00pm Forest Ecology—Mr. David Long, Urban and Community Forestry Specialist, Georgia Forestry Commission  
12:00pm—1:00pm—Lunch  
1:00pm—3:00pm— Wildflowers – Dr. Bodie Pennisi, Professor, UGA Department of Horticulture  
3:00pm—4:00pm Overview of Georgia State Park—Panola Mountain Park Staff

### **October 14- UGA Extension Henry County**—97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252

9:00am - 10:00am - Emerging Invasive Insects in Forests - Dr. Elizabeth McCarty, Associate Professor and Forest Health Specialist, UGA Warnell School of Forestry and Natural Resources  
10:00am - 12:00pm - This is Beekeeping - Mr. Tom Bonnell, Past President, Henry County Beekeepers Association  
12:00am – 1:00pm Lunch  
1:00pm - 2:30pm - Pollinators - Mr. Phil Hensley, County Extension Agent, UGA Extension  
2:30pm - 4:00pm - Visit to the Nolan House Gardens in Heritage park to Observe Pollinators in Action

### **October 21- UGA Griffin Campus**—1109 Experiment St, Griffin, GA 30223 Flynt Building, Room 305

9:00am– 10:30am - Reptiles - Mr. Daniel Sollenberger, State Herpetologist, Georgia Department of Natural Resources Wildlife Division  
10:30am—12:00pm - Amphibians - Ms. Amanda Dahlgren, Education Coordinator, The Amphibian Foundation  
12:00am - 1:00pm - Lunch  
1:00pm—4:00pm— Fungi and decomposers— Sam Landes, Treasurer, Georgia Mushroom Club

### **October 28 - UGA Extension Henry County**—97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252

9:00am - 12:00pm - Georgia Adopt-A-Stream – Ms. Alexa Robinson, Watershed Protection Specialist, City of Griffin, GA.  
12:00pm—1:00pm - Lunch  
2:00pm—3:00pm Erosion and Sedimentation - Timothy Daly County Extension Agent, UGA Extension Henry County  
3:00pm—4:00pm Erosion and Sedimentation Demonstration- Mr. Gary Hankins, State Soil Scientist, USDA-NRCS

### **November 4—UGA Extension Henry County** - 97 Lake Dow Road, McDonough, GA 30252

9:00 am to 10:30am - Climate and Weather - Ms. Pam Knox, Director of the UGA Weather Network and Agricultural Climatologist UGA Department of Crop and Soil Science  
10:30am – 12:00pm – UGA Marine Extension Activities—Mr. Brian Fluech, Associate Marine Extension Director, Marine Extension and Georgia