

What course options are available?

Applicants for the NPM Program must be at least 16 years old. Applicants may:

1. Take a single course with volunteer commitment to CSU Extension:

Fee: \$60 per course*

2. Take a single course with no volunteer commitment:

Fee: \$90 per course

**This discounted rate applies if you agree to volunteer to teach 20 people per course taken about Colorado plants - referred to as educational contacts.*

What is a Certified Native Plant Master Volunteer?

A certified Native Plant Master (NPM) volunteer is a volunteer who receives special training and certification from Colorado State University Extension. The knowledge gained from the program is then used to educate the public.

Potential volunteers must apply through a competitive process. Applicants must:

- Pass three courses in three different months and/or locations, including field exams. **(Courses do not need to be completed in the same year);** and
- Teach at least 20 people per course taken about Colorado plants; and
- Report yearly the number of educational contacts made and the number of hours volunteered for the program; and

- Once certified, NPM Certification can be maintained by educating at least 60 people per year about Colorado plants.



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For more information and to download an application, visit CSU Larimer County Extension at www.larimer.org/ext or contact Karen Crumbaker at (970) 498-6003

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Why should I take a Native Plant Master course?

Have you always wanted to learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in nature? Would you like to learn how to use them in your landscape? Consider taking a Native Plant Master course. This is a fun way to spend three mornings in the field this summer getting to know the plants of Colorado.

* It was nice to get out into a natural area that I had not visited before! I will use this information in my job at CSU. I hope to incorporate more native species into my home landscape. (2012 Larimer County Participant)

* Fabulous instructors! The land management information was great, your enthusiasm and love for plants comes through. Thank you for re-energizing my love of botany. (2012 Larimer County Participant)

What training is provided?

Courses are taught in the field at various locations in Larimer County using living examples of Colorado flora. Participants in NPM courses learn plant identification, including scientific names, key botanical characteristics and family features; ecological relationships, including non-native plants; and landscape and other human uses. NPM courses emphasize sustainable landscaping and invasive weeds. Instructors for the courses have extensive field experience, are Native Plant Masters and/or have advanced degrees.

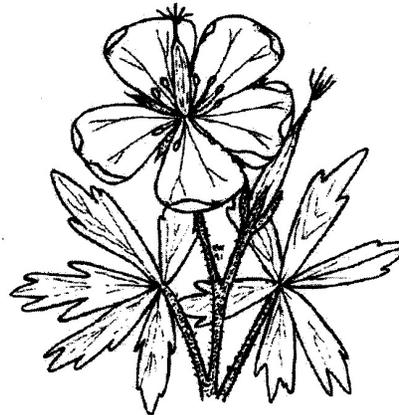
Why native plants?

Colorado has a wealth of native plants, colorful wildflowers, grasses, shrubs and trees, which are well adapted to our variable climate, soils, temperatures and elevations.

The Colorado Native Plant Society recommends the use of native plants in landscaping, both because of their adaptability and because Colorado has a unique regional horticulture worth promoting and protecting.

Mission of the Native Plant Master Program

is to educate the public about native plants in order to foster stewardship, sustainable landscaping, and management of weeds that threaten native ecosystems.



Geranium viscosissimum
Sticky Geranium, Geraniaceae

How do I apply?

These popular courses may have a waiting list, so those interested are advised to register early. Courses are listed in the application. To see the courses offered in Larimer County, go to www.larimer.org/ext and click on NPM application. Questions can be directed to Karen Crumbaker, CSU Larimer County Extension, (970) 498-6003.

To receive more information about Colorado plants:

For research-based information and/or images of more than 1,000 Colorado plants, browse the Colorado Plant Database at <http://coloradoplants.jeffco.us>

Note:

Field courses may require strenuous walking for extended periods on steep inclines for two or more miles on wet, rough, and/or slippery footing during windy, cold, hot or rainy days. Courses include risks, hazards and dangers that are integral to natural areas.

