

# ADULT NATURE OUTREACH

For Community Groups, Garden Clubs, Senior Centers, and others to learn more about topics of interest



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# IRVINE'S ADULT NATURE OUTREACH OFFERS YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE TOPICS THAT INTEREST YOU MOST.

Whether you're wild about wildflowers, amazed by native animals, or beamish about birds, Irvine Nature Center's Adult Nature Outreach offers you and your group the chance to learn more about the things that matter most to you.

Our team of Naturalists and educators can provide you with a memorable and informative class, lecture, or presentation that will suit your needs.

We offer programs and room rentals at Irvine Nature Center or — if you'd like — our Naturalists can come to your location.



## PROGRAM OFFERINGS:

### PLANTS

**Grow Native!** – Learn the benefits of growing native trees, shrubs, wildflowers and ferns as well as the problems posed by invasive exotic species.

**Wildflowers: Fact & Fiction** – Ecology and adaptations of our local native wildflowers plus the folklore and legends associated with them.

**Reading the Forest** – How to interpret the features and patterns you see when walking in Maryland's woods, including signs made by wildlife, weather, and people.

**Fern-tastic Ferns!** – Interesting adaptations and basic identification of native woodland ferns.

**Go with the Flow: Maple Sugaring** – The past, present and future methods of making maple syrup, including basic maple tree identification, ecology.

## BIRDS

**Gardening for Birds** – How to attract birds to your garden with an emphasis on the planting of native trees, shrubs and wildflowers.

**The Bluebird Returns** – The status of the eastern bluebird in Maryland, ways you can help and information on other cavity-nesting birds.

**Silent Wings: Maryland's Owls** – Behavior, ecology and conservation of the owls most often seen in Maryland.

**Maryland's Hawks and Falconry** – Amazing adaptations of these magnificent birds of prey which make them effective hunters.

**Marvels and Mysteries of Bird Migration** – Why birds migrate, and our current understanding of how they do it.

**Ravens and O's** - Enjoy learning about Baltimore's iconic mascots with a focus on the natural history and behaviors of ravens and orioles.

## INSECTS

**Beautiful Butterflies** – Natural history of Maryland's common butterflies and the plants that attract them to your garden

**Good Bugs for the Garden** – Which insects are good to keep in your garden and why.

**Native Pollinators** – The important role of native bees, butterflies and other pollinators in the environment

## OTHER ANIMALS

**Scales, Scutes and Skins** – The fantastic world of Maryland's reptiles and amphibians and what they are teaching us about environmental health

**The Lives of Mammals** - The ecology and behavior of rabbits, groundhogs, bear, deer, opossum, beaver and many other local furry creatures.

**Nature's Neighbors: Naughty or Nice?** – Intriguing stories of symbiosis: ecological rivalry and collaboration in your own backyard, including bumblebees, wildflowers, cowbirds, maples, oaks, squirrels and more.

**Maryland's Wild Animals** – Using live birds, reptiles and amphibians, we focus on their ecology and adaptations for survival.

## OTHER TOPICS

**Going Green** – Current environmental problems (e.g., pollution, climate change, habitat loss) and simple strategies to help alleviate them.

**A Naturalist's View of the Seasons-** A look at the annual cycle of nature's wonders, focusing on wildflowers, birds, maple sugaring, insects and spectacular fall colors.

**Caves: Exploring Nature's Basement** – Maryland is home to over a hundred caves with a long, twisted and fascinating cultural and geologic history.

**Maryland's Native Americans** – Examine some of the natural resources used by pre-colonial Americans and learn some of their survival skills.

**Mountains to the Bay: A Naturalists View of Maryland** - Learn how colliding continents, rising mountains, melting glaciers and shallow seas have all helped create Maryland's plant and animal habitats, caves, rivers, fossil beds and the Chesapeake Bay.

## PROGRAM COST

All programs are an hour long.

### ON-SITE PROGRAMS

Cost Per Program.....\$150

Your group's 1-hour meeting at Irvine  
(in conjunction with a program).....\$200

### OFF-SITE PROGRAMS

Cost Per Program .....\$175 +  
mileage



## PROGRAM SCHEDULING

To schedule a program, call  
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