



# Michigan Naturalist: Rouge River Region

Become a Michigan Naturalist and help protect Michigan's natural heritage.

**One Saturday/month  
May through October.**

Cost is \$200.00 for all six sessions. Required books must be obtained on your own.

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dates, and topics  
are on the next page**

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## Who should attend?

This program is open to adults interested in gaining a greater understanding of Michigan's natural environment and ecological communities, including native flora and fauna.

## What will you learn?

Through this program you will discover the interconnectedness of Michigan's natural ecosystems and how everyone can contribute to wildlife conservation in their own backyard and community. You will also learn about interpretive techniques that will help you share what you have learned in meaningful and creative ways. Sign up today for this exciting course and start your journey to become a Michigan Naturalist!

## Register here:

<https://events.anr.msu.edu/michigannaturalist/>

## Please contact us with questions:

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## About Michigan Naturalist Program

Three seasons of monthly sessions on Saturdays are taught in different locations within the region. The class will consist of a combination of lectures and discussions as well as naturalist guided and/or self guided field experiences.



Internet access is a must for this hybrid online/in-person training. Participants need to be prepared for a moderate amount of walking and a variety of outdoor conditions. Some locations may contain variable steep or rough terrain. Please contact us if special accommodations must be made. Automobile transportation is necessary; carpooling is encouraged. Participants are responsible for entry fees to field sites (Michigan passport, park fees, etc.)

Participants are responsible for purchasing their own required books:

[Bringing Nature Home](#) by Douglas Tallamy ; the [Kaufman Field Guide to Nature of the Midwest](#) by Ken Kaufman, Jeff Sayre, and Kimberly Kaufman; [Managing Michigan's Wildlife: A Landowner's Guide](#) , Sargent, M.S and Carter, K.S., ed. 1999. (*Available as a free PDF*). Recommended optional field guides are listed in the course syllabus.



### Michigan Naturalist: Rouge River Region Saturdays 9:00AM—1:00PM

Orientation	April 3	Orientation	Zoom Meeting
Session 1	May 3	Ornithology; Botany and Native Plants	Environmental Interpretive Center
Session 2	June 7	Interpretive Skills; Native Trees and Insect Biomass for Birds	Environmental Interpretive Center
Session 3	July 12	Michigan Geology; Climate; Soils	Environmental Interpretive Center
Session 4	August 2	River and Lake Ecology, Ichthyology; Reptiles, Amphibians	Humbag Marsh Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge
Session 5	September 6	Insects and Spiders; Grassland Ecosystems; Conservation	LeFurge Woods Nature Preserve
Session 6	October 4	Raptor and Waterfowl Migration; Wetland Habitats	Lake Erie Metropark

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