



# MSUE Michigan Naturalist: Grand Rapids Region

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

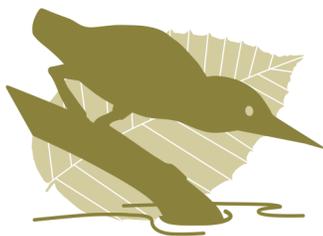
**Saturdays**  
**10:00-2:30pm**  
**April 11 through**  
**September 12**

Program Fee: \$200.00

Includes six in-person sessions and online modules.



**Hosted by:**



**CALVIN ECOSYSTEM PRESERVE  
& NATIVE GARDENS**

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and Native Gardens**  
**1750 East Beltline Ave SE**  
**Grand Rapids, MI 49546**



## Who should attend?

This program is open to adults interested in gaining a greater understanding of Michigan's natural environment, including landforms and 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!

## Please register at the link below:

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

## For more information please contact:

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## About the Michigan Naturalist Program

Three seasons of monthly sessions are taught in hybrid classroom and at different locations within the region. The class will consist of a combination of online reading, assignments, and discussions; live lectures and naturalist guided field experiences. Internet access and a computer or tablet is a must for this blended online 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
- 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 may be listed in the course syllabus.



### Michigan Naturalist: Grand Rapids Region, Calvin Ecological Preserve and Native Gardens (CEPNG)

Session 1	April 11	Michigan Geology, Interpretation, Reptiles and Amphibians	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center
Session 2	May 9	Climate, Weather, Botany, Forest Communities	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center
Session 3	June 13	Invasive Species, Ornithology	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center
Session 4	July 11	Water systems, Spatial Ecology, Ichthyology	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center
Session 5	August 8	Grasslands and Mammals	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center
Session 6	September 12	Wetlands and Insects	CEPNG Bunker Interpretive Center

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